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PREFACE.

Daniel Webster said:—"It is wise for us to recur to the history of our ancestors. Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world."

We are all, largely, creatures of heredity and environment, and it is with the hope that the narrative of what has been done, will spur on to still greater achievements those who follow, that this long work has been undertaken.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise: Act well your part: there all the honor lies."—*Pope*.

Illinois was admitted as a state in 1818. Its name was taken from the Illini, which to the Algonquin Indians, meant to be a man of full stature, imbued with all the requisites of a noble warrior. The first European nation to claim title to the vast region of which Illinois is a part, was Spain, through Ferdinand De Soto who discovered Florida. This was in 1541, but the Spaniards never made settlements here. Then came James Marquette, a Frenchman, in 1673, who explored the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. In 1680, other Frenchmen, La Salle and Hennepin crossed this region and built Fort Creve Coeur, near the present site of Peoria, and Fort St. Louis on "Starved Rock".

The first settlement was at old Fort Clark, now Peoria, by a few people, in 1819 and 1820. Peoria County was first organized in 1825, and the Harker family came

in 1829. Andrew Jackson was then President of the United States.

On March 8, 1825, the County Commissioners directed that a Court House be built on the bank of the river, south of Ft. Clark, on Blk. 51. It was built of hewn logs and stood until 1843. The jail was under it. A picture of this building may be seen in the rotunda of the present court house, 1913. They also directed J. L. Bogaardus to take a census, which according to S. De Witt Drown's Directory of 1844, showed the population to be 1236. In 1830, the census of Peoria County proper, was taken by Isaac Waters, and showed 1792 people. The first map of Peoria is dated 1831. The city and county of Peoria, took the name from one of the five tribes of Indians known as the Illini, or Minneway nation. Old Ft. Clark was near the foot of what is now Liberty street. It was a stockade of round logs planted firmly in the ground, and filled in with earth. The present town of Peoria was laid off and named in 1826, and in 1832, could number but 22 buildings all told.

The printing of this genealogy came about primarily, by reading "A Corner in Ancestry" by Eleanor Lexington, as published by one of the daily papers of Peoria, Ill., on November 8, 1903. It gave a short sketch of the Brown family, from an early date, and from which I began to trace my son's lineage.

Later on, a fortunate purchase gave me a copy of "The Higleys and their Ancestry", by Mary Coffin Johnson, of New York City, which traced his lineage on the maternal side, back to the year 1666, and from the

reading of which, I became so enthusiastic as to try to compile a record of his Harker kinship.

I have only had one aim in view, to make a careful and impartial record. So, for all omissions and errors, I shall be sorry. "The memory of the pioneers is one which should ever be cherished and honored. We who live surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences of a highly developed civilization can have but an inadequate conception of the stress of life in those times, when the first steps were taken in the work of transforming the wilderness into the fruitful and finished region in which we now live. And it is well that we revive the memories of the worthies of a former time, who did so great a work in the development of the country."

"A commonplace life we say and we sigh;
But why should we sigh as we say?
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things,
And the flower that blooms and the bird that sings,
But dark were the world and sad our lot
If the flowers failed and the sun shone not;
And God who studies each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives makes his beautiful Whole."
—SUSAN COOLIDGE.

My heartfelt thanks are due all those who have helped in the gathering of this data, and for the sympathy and good will extended by them.

—MARGARET PFEIFFER BROWN.

CHAPTER I.

THE earliest Harker in America of whom I find mention, was Anthony Harker who came in the "Griffin" in 1633, probably in the employ of Thomas Leverett of Boston. His wife's name was Mary, and his children were John, Mary, Sarah, Merry, Elizabeth. (See Savage Geneal. Dict. Vol. 2. p. 35.)

I find mention also of John Harker of York in 1652. William of Lynn in 1661, and John in 1679. But the James Harker from whom this family has descended, was born in Ireland, June 25, 1703. He came to America between 1703 and 1735. It is known by his living descendants, that the original family lived in Sussex County, New Jersey, and the following is taken from a History of Sussex Co., N. J., page 617:

"Among the first settlers of Hardwick which is a part of Sussex, were Daniel Harker and others, who were Quakers, and located here in 1735."

Altho positive proof could not be obtained, all data seemed to show that Daniel and James Harker were brothers. Sussex Co. was set off from Morris Co. in 1753, and Greenwich and Hardwick townships then became a part of Sussex. In Vol. G. H. p. 305, at Sec. of States—Trenton, N. J. is recorded the following deed:

"This Indenture made the 1st. day of March, in the 18th year of the reign of George II, King of Great Britain, etc., 1744. Between John Foster and Eunice Foster, his wife, she being one of the daughters of

Elizabeth Pearse * * * said John Foster and Eunice his wife are living in Flushing in the island of Nasaw, within the Colony of New York, merchant of one part—and James Harker of the township of Greenwich in County of Morris in the Western Division of New Jersey, yeoman of 2d part. And whereas the first part did legally hold land in New Jersey as per warrant dated August 5, 1742 * * *

And this Indenture shows that James Harker paid 30 pounds to said John and Eunice Foster for 233-1/3 acres, it being part of the 330 acres of unlocated lands belonging to said John and Eunice Foster, in Western New Jersey.

Indenture Record February 4, 1745.

Morristown, Morris County, N. J.

Minutes of Oyer and Terminer, commencing March 25, 1740.

James Harker presented a petition to this Court, March 26, 1745, for a License to keep a public house and Inn, in the township of Grineg where he now lives. The Court upon reading the same orders said petition filed in Clerk's office and grants to said Harker a License for 1 year next ensuing, he giving sureties.

JAMES HARKER, *Principal.*

JONATHAN STILES, }
CALEB FAIRCHILD, } *Sureties.*

Court of Oyer and Terminer—Liber A. March 25, 1746. James Harker—Freeholder.

Liber A—March 24, 1747. James Harker—Assessor.

Liber A—March 25, 1747. Granted License to keep

public house and Inn in Grinigs where he now lives. James Harker—Principal, Robert Gobel and Caleb Fairchild, sureties. Granted again, December 28, 1748. James Harker, Freeholder, March 27, 1750. License to keep Inn granted to James Harker, March 26, 1751.

Abstract of Harker Wills at Sec. of State's office, Trenton, N. J., between 1705—1804

Will of Daniel Harker 36:129.

This will is dated May 22, 1779.

Daniel Harker of Hardwick Twp., Sussex Co. To my eldest son John Harker, 300 acres. To my son James Harker, the farm I bought of Lazarus Adams, and 20 acres adjoining, also three other tracts of about 150 acres. To two younger sons, Daniel and Samuel, the homestead farm of about 30 acres to be divided between them. My wife to live on the homestead as long as she remains my widow, or until my sons Daniel and Samuel shall come of age. To my daughter Rachel, 10 pounds, and the remainder of my estate to be divided into 7 parts—two shares to my wife, to each of my daughters, Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth, each one share, and to each of my four sons $\frac{1}{2}$ share.

Executors are my friends, John Roy and William Hankinson. Dated May 22, 1779—signed and sealed.

Will proved January 19, 1795. Will was proved and letters of administration were granted to Daniel and Samuel Harker, on the estate of Daniel Harker, late of Sussex Co., the day and year above stated.

There is also this Indenture recorded in Liber O. p. 526—Trenton, N. J.:

Sale of 61 acres of land, November, 1773. By Daniel Harker of Hardwick Twp., Sussex Co., N. J., to Thomas Hunt.

There are also many other Harker wills and marriages there on record, bearing the familiar family names of Daniel, James, John, Jonathan, Samuel, David, Joseph, Jeremiah, etc.

Among the records of Officers and Men of New Jersey, in the Revolutionary War, are to be found the following Harkers: Abraham Harker, Captain Reading's Co., 2d Reg; Abel Harker, 2d Batt., 2d Est. also Militia; Daniel Harker, Captain Gifford's Co., 3d Batt., 2d Est., also 3d Batt. 1st Est; Nathaniel Harker, Capt. McMires Co., 1st Est., 1st Batt; Daniel Harker, Lieut-Col., 2d Reg. Sussex, Resigned February 6, 1777; Abel Harker, Capt. Snell's Co., 3d Batt, Gloucester, also Continental Army; David Harker, Gloucester, private; John Harker, Monmouth, private; John C. Harker, midshipman, 1826. There is also record of Charles G. Harker, born in New Jersey, appointed from New York, Second Lieut., 2d Inf., July, 1858; 2d Lieut. 9th Inf., August 15, 1858. Was killed June 27, 1864, in battle at Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia.

There is also an interesting little account of a Samuel Harker, Clergyman. He became pastor of a church at Black River, N. J., October 31, 1752. He published "Predestination Consistent with General Liberty" in 1761, for which he was excluded and disqualified to preach, by the Synods of New York and Philadelphia.

He subsequently published "An Appeal from the Synod, to the Christian World", in 1763—H: 435. The follow-

ing is a copy of his will, dated March 22, 1764. Will of Samuel Harker of Roxbury, Morris Co.

Minister. Wife Deborah. Sons Ahimaaz, Daniel. Daughters, Rachel, Jemima, Massa. The Executors were Ahimaaz, and Samuel Grandine.

CHAPTER II.

JOSEPH HARKER, son of James, was born in that part of Morris Co., N. J., which was set off, June 8, 1753, and named Sussex Co. He was born September 28, 1743. His was the life of the early pioneer, as the following plainly shows. Taken from "New Jersey as a Colony, and as a State". Chap. 3, Old Homes and Old Names.

"Sussex County altho partially settled, had many a family whose descendants later gained prominence in New Jersey. It was early the training ground of men of intellectual activity, and furnished in the upbuilding of Newark and other cities of the eastern portion of New Jersey elements of strength. Thus in the Stillwater region, the Harkers, Hunts, Swartwouts, etc., who had defended the country in the Indian raids from 1755 to 1763."

The Revolutionary War began April 19, 1775, with the battle of Lexington, and Joseph Harker's war record is herewith recorded. He was Commissioned in the New Jersey Militia, Second Lieut., Capt. Bates Co., Col. Ephraim Martin's Battalion, Brig-Gen'l Nathaniel Heard's Brigade, July to November 28, 1776.

Commissioned January 14, 1777. First Lieut., Capt. Abram Lyon's Co., Col. Martin's 4th Batt., 2d Est., New Jersey Continental Line. Captain, 2d Reg. Sussex Co. Militia, was wounded, shot through arm in action at Minisink, N. J., July 22, 1779. Was also Captain of State Troops, six months' men in 1780.

The following, taken from "History of N. J. as a Colony and as a State" which may be found in our Public Library, will be of interest to his descendants. "The Colonel of the Third Battalion was Elias Dayton, Ephriam Martin holding a similar position in the Fourth. These four Battalions, known as "Maxwell's Brigade" were under the command of Brig-Gen'l Wm. Maxwell, who had previously been Colonel of the 2d Batt. of the 1st Est. To this position Gen'l Maxwell had been elected by Congress, October 23, 1776. Throughout the summer and autumn of 1777, Maxwell's Brigade rendered service of a highly important character. Placed in the division of the American army under the command of Major-Gen'l Adam Stephen of Virginia, the Brigade, in May, was encamped at Elizabethtown, Bound Brook, and Rahway, a portion of the brigade taking part in the battle of the Brandywine, finally encamping at Germantown. During the battle of Germantown, the New Jersey brigade, with a brigade from North Carolina, formed the "Corps de reserve" and left wing of the American army commanded by Major-Gen'l Wm. Alexander. After spending the winter at Valley Forge, the brigade was detached from the main army. Being joined by six hundred men under Col. Daniel Morgan, 1500 veterans under Gen'l Charles Scott, both of Virginia, 1000 troops under Brig-Gen'l Anthony Wayne of Penn. All commanded by General Lafayette, "Maxwell's Brigade" harassed and impeded Gen'l Clinton's force, in its retreat through the Jerseys, after the evacuation of Philadelphia.

Although "sadly in want of clothing" the brigade par-

ticipated in the battle of Monmouth. The winter of 1778-79 found the brigade at Elizabethtown, with a detachment of the 2d Batt. at Newark, and a detachment of the 4th Batt. at Rahway, while under Major-Gen'l John Sullivan, the brigade took part in the Indian Campaign of 1779."

Also this account taken from the "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 20, pp. 169-170."

General Hathorn in his report on the battle of Minisink, made to Gen'l George Clinton, July 25, 1779, says: "On the evening of the 21st of this inst. I received an order from His Excellency General Washington, together with a requisition of the commissary of prisoners, to furnish one hundred men to guard the British prisoners on their way to Easton. I ordered three companies of my regiment, including the exempt company, to parade for this purpose." The making of this detail accounts for the small number of men he took to the Minisink conflict.

The battle of Minisink, N. J., has been ably described by others, and I will only make some reference to the part taken by Col. Hathorn. Doctor Benjamin Tusten, Lieut.-Col. of the Goshen regiment under Gen'l Allison, with such men of the Orange Co. militia as he could hastily collect, and a small force of Sussex Co. troops under Major Samuel Meeker, and Captain Joseph Harker of Hardyston, made a forced march for the scene of hostilities. Major Meeker was wounded, as well as Captain Harker, and nearly a fourth of the men who fell were of their command. The names of Captain

Stephen Mead, David Tallmage, Nathan Wade, Hardyston men, are inscribed upon the monument at Goshen."

Taken from "The Old New York Frontier": Among the slain were some of the best citizens of all the Minisink region. On that rocky hill-side, about one mile from Lackawaxen, their bones lay for more than forty years, practically unburied. What remained of these bones were gathered up in 1822, and followed by 12,000 people, received honorable burial in Goshen, N. Y., where a monument now records their names, fourty-four in number.

Hardyston Memorial History of Township, and of the North Presbyterian Church, Hardyston, Sussex Co., N. J. By Alanson Haines, page 72.

Captain Joseph Harker had a farm and house near where S. Wilson now lives. The foundation of the house is still to be seen near the Wallkill, by which the road formerly ran. He recruited his company in this vicinity and belonged to the 2d Sussex Regiment.

With a portion of his men, he joined the Goshen troops, who were going to the Minisink region, and participated in the battle of July 22, 1779. He was wounded, and some of his men were killed. When he went away from home with his company, Nathaniel Martin of Wintage, who was then quite a lad, staid at his house to protect his family. Reuben Mosier came to this vicinity when a boy, having it is said, with his mother, escaped from an Indian massacre in which several of his family were slain. He had just grown to manhood when the war broke out, and he joined Captain

Joseph Harker's Company. He lived in Red Cedar Hollow, in a log house near the widow Mellons.

Lieut.-Col. Daniel Harker, of the 2d Sussex Regiment was supposed to have owned and lived upon the farm in Upper Hamburg, which was known as the *Harker* farm, but in later years belonged to Peter Fountain.

After the Revolution, he removed with his brother, to Stillwater township, where their descendants still live."

Page 71, same book: "The 2d Reg. of Sussex Militia was mainly raised in Hardyston, and as most of the officers and men were from this vicinity, it is deserving of especial mention. Among the Field and Staff Officers, was Daniel Harker, Lieut.-Col. at Upper Hamburg."

From the Stillwater region, Captain Joseph Harker with his family, went to Cayuga Co., New York, as the following taken from a "History of the town of Mentz" plainly shows, p. 314: "Other early settlers were James and Martin Harker, from New Jersey, who located on the site of the village." This was very near the beginning of 1800.

Among records of Deeds there are found: "Martin Harker of Mentz to Amasa Drake, dated 1822, conveys part of lot 45, in Brutus (afterwards Mentz).

James Harker of Mentz, to John Griggs, dated 1815. Conveys part of lot 60 in Brutus township.

James Hambleton of Brutus, to James Harker of Sterling. Dated 1825, conveys part of lot 63, Brutus, now Mentz.

Amasa Drake to Martin Harker of Mentz. Dated 1825, conveys lot 45 in Brutus.

Captain Joseph Harker died in September, 1815, as the records at Auburn, N. Y., show that letters of Administration upon his estate were issued to James Harker, on September 20, 1815, but the original papers are missing, and he left no will.

The graves of himself and wife are in an old cemetery at Port Byron, N. Y., very near the banks of the Erie Canal. The headstones are still standing, but time has effaced all lettering. The lot is also surrounded by a stone wall built there by his son James, before he removed to Illinois in 1829.

There is no positive data of who the wife of Capt. Joseph Harker was, but the following is offered as a suggestion.

This is also taken from "History of Hardyston" p. 25.

"Joseph Walling, Sen. came very early. He owned a tract of land extending from Wallkill, and the land of the Sharps and Lawrences, for nearly a mile east. He lived first in a log house, but about 1750 erected his frame house, and some have called this the first frame dwelling in Hamburg, at any rate, it was superior to all that had preceded it, and standing on the State Road, was for more than a century, the central landmark of the village.

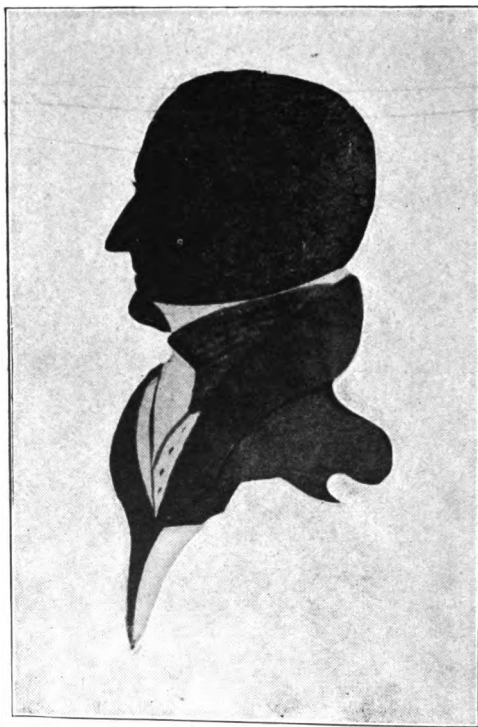
The house was licensed as an Inn, and on ancient maps is distinguished as 'Wallings'. It was burned in 1859. General George Washington and his wife spent one night at the 'Wallings' during the time of the Rev. War.

Joseph Walling, Junior, died at the age of 24 years, and left three children, Francis, Joseph, and Mary (Polly).

The daughter went to Western New York."

This would take her to the location where the Harkers are known to have gone, and the sons of James Harker were all given family names for a middle name. As: Daniel Washington, Henry Smith, Jeremiah Walling, Seba Higley.

Also there is a tradition known in the family, that "Wallin" came through maternal lines..



JAMES HARKER



PUELLA H. P. HARKER

CHAPTER III.

JAMES HARKER, son of Joseph, was born in Sussex Co., N. J., on June 29, 1774. Joseph also had a son, Martin. The brothers came to the town of Mentz, Cayuga Co., New York, near the beginning of 1800. Martin married a Mrs. Stevens, who had a daughter, Emily. She afterward became Mrs. Hiram Partridge. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harker left no children.

James Harker married Mrs. Puella Higley Partridge, mother of Hiram, about 1806. Afterward, with his family of five boys, his daughter, Sarah Harker Griggs and her family, also his daughter Hannah Harker Harrington and her child, Mary, they left Port Byron, N. Y. on the 23d of September, and landed in Peoria, Illinois, in November, 1829.

They had reached Peoria from Port Byron, in seven weeks and three days, coming by lake and canal route, and down the Illinois river from the north, with lumbering and trading men. At that time, there was but one lonely cabin standing on the river bank, near what is now the foot of Harrison street.

The Harker family is no doubt, one of the oldest now living in Central Illinois. Before leaving Port Byron, N. Y., Mr. Harker had traded for a Soldier's Patent, quarter section of land, located about twelve miles west of Peoria, Ill., and he went immediately to it. He then entered the rest of his half section, 320 acres, from the

government, and the four corners were then named for him, Harker Corners. He owned both the N. E. and N. W. corners, extending northward, and built a brick house on the N. E. corner, on the Soldier's Patent land, where he lived and died.

Mr. Harker also entered a half section, 320 acres, near Henderson, Knox Co., Ill. Of this, he traded a quarter section for a little pony mare valued at seventy-five dollars, and let the rest be sold for taxes. Such was pioneer life in those early days in Peoria County. He was always associated with farmers and farming, and from the earliest history until the present time, the farmer always has had a prominent place in record, laws, and tradition. The farm is the best place in the world for the development of manhood, and if a man has it in him to be of some account, a better place than the farm could not be selected to bring it out. And it is largely due to this fact, that his large and interesting progeny are now recorded.

Mr. Harker was first united in marriage, to Miss Mary McColom, on December 10, 1796, in New Jersey. She died, leaving him with three daughters, Sarah, Hannah, and Elizabeth. For his second wife, he married Mrs. Puella Higley Partridge, and had a large family of children, losing many of them in infancy. The following sons grew to manhood: James, Daniel, Henry, Jeremiah, Seba. The many members of this large Harker family, are all members of the Protestant faith, though divided amongst the different denominations. James and Puella Harker held the Baptist faith. He

died June 26, 1849, and is buried in Harker Corners cemetery.

The two corners he owned were left to his sons, Jeremiah and Seba, to care for their mother. She made her home with her youngest son, Seba, until her death on March 17, 1866. Seba lived in the old home place first, then built on the N. W. corner.

Mrs. Harker used to tell her grandchildren, that her garden was at some distance from the house, to the north, and how she was afraid to go to it only during the middle of bright days, for fear of the Indians. This today, seems a strange tale to her great granddaughter who writes these lines. She came of a wonderful long lived English family, living to be eighty years of age, and died at Harker Corners, March 17, 1866. Her line of descent will be found in the back of this volume.

Joseph, the first born of James and Puella Harker, was born in 1807, and died in 1810. He was named for his grandfather, Captain Joseph Harker, and it is said his father never ceased to grieve over his early death.

James, Jr. the second son, was born in Cayuga Co., N. Y. on September 8, 1808. Came to Illinois with his father in 1829. He married Sarah Van Patten, and lived east of Harker Corners, on the second hill, known as the Harker hill. They lived to old age, dying in Peoria, Ill., and leaving no children. He died April 22, 1874, and she died June 25, 1888. Buried at Harker Corners.



MARGARET P. BROWN

CHAPTER IV.

DANIEL WASHINGTON, son of James and Puella Harker, was born in Cayuga Co., N. Y. on July 22, 1814. His birth occurring but fifteen years after the death of George Washington, who died in December, 1799, he was given the illustrious name of Washington. He was 15 years old when he came west with his parents, and locating at Harker Corners, Peoria County, Ill., his entire life was lived there. As was the custom in those early days, he obtained a part of his father's land, by small purchase price, and also by entry, and by judicious farming, lived in comfort and reared his family upon it. There are few, if any, striking events in the life of the farmer, but agriculture is doubtless among the oldest, most honorable, and most important pursuits of civilized nations. Mr. Harker was a large genial friendly man, and it is said, he looked most like his father, of all the sons. He never had a picture taken.

He was united in marriage, July 10, 1839, to Miss Mary McFadden, at her brother Samuel's home, four miles west of Harker Corners. She was born in the Province of Ulster, near Belfast, Ireland, where her people were land owners. She came to America in 1827, with her family, when fifteen years of age. Her father, mother, brother Samuel, and sisters, Margaret and Martha, came at that time. The family lived in Philadelphia for ten years, and the father, Hugh McFadden died there. Her mother, Jane Bell McFadden, is buried

about four miles west of Harker Corners, in Union Cemetery. Margaret became Mrs. Harrison and died in 1886, leaving no children. Samuel was twice married, his living children are Mary and David. Margaret and Samuel are buried with their mother.

Martha became Mrs. Wm. McIlree, and moved to Oregon in pioneer days. She died in 1890, and her descendants are still living there.

Mrs. Harker was an exemplary wife and mother, walking the path of domestic duty, and ever ministering with loving hands and deeds to her family, her guests, and her neighbors. She was a member of the Old Harmony church, United Presbyterian, while Mr. Harker, like his father, favored the Baptist denomination.

He passed away following a stroke of apoplexy, May 12, 1885. His wife died the next year, January 12, 1886. Buried in Harker Corners Cemetery.

Children as follows survived infancy: James, Hugh McFadden, (twins) Elizabeth Mead, Sarah McFadden, Margaret Anderson, Jeremiah.

Their first born were twin sons, of whom it is told, that when three months old, a tea cup would slip over their head.

James was born February 24, 1840. His early life was spent on the home farm. On October 12, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Rosanna Walters, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Buckellew Walters, whose home was near Harker Corners. They went immediately to Jasper County, Missouri, and lived on a farm there until January 1, 1882. Since then their

home has been in Carthage, Mo. Children as follows: Jessie Rose, Frank M., Edith Josephine, Gertrude Pearl.

Jessie R. was born September 24, 1872, on the home farm, 14 miles north-east of Carthage, Mo. She is single. Is a successful business woman, and lives in Chicago, Ill.

Frank M. born July 10, 1874, on the home farm. Has lived in Chicago, Ill., since December, 1895, where he is a very successful Court Reporter. He was married in Denver, Colo., August 22, 1906, to Ella M. Slauson, born November 28, 1884, daughter of Lewis and Mary Noble Slauson. No children.

Edith J. born on the home farm February 6, 1876. Is living with her parents in Carthage, Mo.

Gertrude P. born on the home farm September 26, 1880. She married William Babbington Garoutte, son of Wm. B. and Mehitabel Tanneyhill Garoutte, on October 28, 1903, in Carthage, Mo., where they now live. Their children are: Bernice, born September 6, 1904; Wilton Bruce, born March 13, 1909; Robert James, born April 9, 1912.

Hugh McFadden, born February 24, 1840. Spent his early life on the home farm. He married Mary J. Thompson, daughter of John and Celia Collins Thompson, on March 29, 1866, in Peoria County, Ill. They lived for a short time near Brimfield, Ill., then moved to Jasper County, Mo., on March 5, 1870, and farmed there for a number of years. From the farm, they moved to Jasper City, Mo. and later to Carthage, Mo., the present home. Children as follows: Mary Jane, Sarah Margaret, Bertha May, Grace M.

Mary J., born March 13, 1867, near Brimfield, Ill. She married, on December 31, 1889, Charles V. Ballard, son of Frank and Sarah Ballard. They live on a farm 14 miles N. E. of Carthage, Mo. and have the following children: Carl Judson, born February 10, 1891; Edna Vivian, born May 5, 1893; Gladys Marcella, born February 18, 1896; Curtis Larkin, born September 24, 1901.

Sarah M. the second daughter, was born in Jasper County, Mo., March 9, 1872. Married John J. Schooler, son of Isaac and Dulcina Schooler, on July 11, 1891. They have one child, Harold, born July 13, 1898. Live on a farm one mile from her sister, Mrs. Ballard, in Jasper County.

Bertha M., born in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Sept. 13, 1878. Was married on Dec. 5, 1900, in Jasper City, Mo., to Wilbur J. Houck, son of John and Elizabeth Houck. They lived for a time on a farm in Jasper County, but later moved to Cherryvale, Kansas, where they now live. They have two children, Wilbur, born April 6, 1903; Robert, born Nov. 18, 1910.

Grace M., born May 5, 1880, in Jasper City, Mo. Married at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on April 19, 1892, to Ralph K. Fairfield, son of John and Sarah Fairfield. They have one child, Vivian Esther, born Jan. 14, 1911, in Columbus, Kansas, the family home. Mr. Fairfield is a commercial salesman.

Elizabeth M. the first daughter of Daniel and Mary Harker, was born Sept. 15, 1841. She was married in December, 1863, to Andrew Jackson Hughes, son of

Pleasant and Mary Collins Hughes, of Peoria County, Ill. Mrs. Hughes died on Sept. 21, 1865, leaving one child, William James, born Oct. 7, 1864. This child was taken and reared by her mother. Mr. A. J. Hughes died in 1908.

Wm. J. spent his early years at the Corners with his grandparents. He was married to Regina Belle, daughter of Abram and Henrietta Curtis Shoup, of Peoria County, Ill., on Jan. 7, 1892. She was born Aug. 17, 1871, and died at the family home near Trivoli, Ill., Oct. 12, 1907. Buried in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria. Children as follows: Raymond, Born Nov. 14, 1894; Juanita, born Jan. 9, 1898; Viola, born Aug. 16, 1899; Larkin, born May 7, 1903.

Mr. Hughes married for his second wife, Miss Arabella Conger, of Peoria, Ill., on Nov. 9, 1912. The family live near Dunlap, Ill.

Sarah McFadden Harker was born Jan. 12, 1843. She married Philip Pfeiffer, son of George and Anna Haller Pfeiffer, of Peoria County, and who lived about three miles from her home. He was born Sept. 9, 1838. They were married in Peoria, Ill., on June 19, 1862. The family home was for a number of years, in Central Limestone township, 8 miles west of Peoria, Ill., where all their family of nine children were born. On March 11, 1878, the family removed to Peoria, which has ever since been their home. Here Mr. Pfeiffer followed his trade of tinsmith, for many years, until his failing health compelled him to stop. A paralytic stroke in December, 1905, weakened him bodily and mentally, and his death

followed on May 4, 1906. Buried in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria. They had children as follows: Mary Ruth, Margaret Bell, Lincoln Grant, Addie Josephine, Emma Jane, Philip Sheridan, Charlotte Lavina, Harry, John Willis. In 1871, Mary R, Lincoln G, and Addie J. died within three weeks of diphtheria. Harry died in infancy.

Margaret B. born Sept. 15, 1864. Was a graduate from the Peoria Public Schools. Also attended the Northwestern Normal at Geneseo, Ill. Afterward teaching school in Henry County, Ill. She was married on Oct. 3, 1894, in Galesburg, Ill., to Doctor James L. Brown, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth L. Brown, of Brown Corners, Goshen, Ohio. He attended the country schools, and Mainville Academy. He then went to Cincinnati, where he entered the offices of the C. H. and D. R. R. using all his spare time to prepare himself for medical college. He was graduated from the Ohio Medical College, now a part of the University of Cincinnati, in 1868. Practiced for a short time in Cincinnati, and then located in Peoria, Ill., where he has spent a long, useful professional life. He opened for business, Aug. 14, 1873, on the lower corner of Main and Adams Sts., in the Davis Bldg., and has never moved from there. They have one child, James L. Junior, born in Peoria, Aug. 4, 1895. Now a senior in the Central High School.

Emma J., born May 6, 1870. She was married in the family home, September 27, 1893, to George H. Oechsle, son of Joseph and Ursula Meyer Oechsle, of Peoria, Ill. They live in Peoria, and have no children. Mr. Oechsle is a commercial salesman.

Philip S., born Feb. 21, 1872. His early years were spent in Peoria. But since 1892, he has made his home in California. He is now living in Santa Cruz, where he is Mine Manager for the City Street Improvement Co. of San Francisco. He is a single man.

Charlotte L., born May 24, 1874. Lives with her mother in Peoria, Ill.

John W., the youngest child, was an infant when the family moved to Peoria. In the year 1905, he went to Chicago, Ill., in the employ of the Corn Products Co., and is still with them. He was born Jan. 22, 1878. Married April 14, 1910, at Davenport, Iowa, to Marcella Reiley. No children.

On June 19, 1912, occurred the 50th wedding anniversary of the mother of these children, and a little reminiscence will probably be of interest to her children.

"We left my father's house, in the morning, and drove to Peoria, where we were married in the house of a minister, on First Street, and which is still standing. The weather was much warmer for June than it is today. We returned to the Harker home, at the Corners, and in a few days began housekeeping in a little new cottage, on his father's farm in Limestone township, and the house is still in use. Those fifty years seem short to me."

Margaret Anderson Harker was born on the home place, at the Corners, May 12, 1845. She married George Pfeiffer, brother to Philip, mentioned before, in November, 1865, and the family home was always in Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Pfeiffer, like many of the Harker people, was a large woman, and had the cheerful friendly

disposition that is to be found among so many of its members. She was devoted to her family and her friends, and was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church. After a lingering illness, she passed away on Dec. 4, 1895, and is buried in Springdale Cemetery. Children as follows: Anna Mary, Charles, Sarah Margaret, Caroline Valentine. Anna M. died young.

Charles, born November 11, 1869. Spent his early years in Peoria. After his mother's death, he joined his father in Chicago, for a short time, and thence to Detroit, Mich., where he now lives. He married Nov. 3, 1902, Miss Minnie Aldenbrand, who was also born in Illinois. Mr. Pfeiffer follows his trade of a steam-fitter, and is a member of a prominent plumbing firm of Detroit. They have no children.

Sarah M., born June 6, 1871. Was married in the family home, Oct. 9, 1894, to Edwin Moschel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Moschel, of Peoria, Ill. They moved to St. Paul, Minn., in 1896, and still live there. One child, Margaret Maurine, was born April 9, 1897. Mr. Moschel is an accountant.

Caroline V. as her name indicates, was born on Valentine day, Feb. 14, 1873. She was married Jan. 3, 1894, to Frederick Dunn, son of Sidney and Lida Drake Dunn, of Peoria, Ill. They had no children, and were separated. Her second marriage was to Mr. Jack Gardner of Minneapolis.

She is now Mrs. C. B. Marshall, of San Diego, California, and has no children.

Mr. George Pfeiffer married for his second wife, Miss Sarah Beaumont, of Kentucky. They have one child,

George Beaumont, born in Jan., 1900, in Detroit, Mich. The family home is on the West Bluff, Peoria, Ill.

Jeremiah, the youngest son of Daniel and Mary Harker, was born at Harker Corners, on Sept. 22, 1848. He was married Dec. 23, 1875, to Miss Katherine Walters, who was born Feb. 2, 1858, daughter of Stephen and Mary Miller Walters, who lived about four miles from Harker Corners.

Katherine and Rosanna Walters were cousins.

Mr. Harker lived for some years on the home place, then kept the Post Office and general store on the Corner. Some years later, the family moved to Peoria, and then to Bloomington, Ill. In the year 1907, on March 19th, they moved to Galatea, Kiowa County, Colorado, where they all took up land claims. A little later they also kept a general store in Galatea. In 1913 they sold the store, and moved to Denver, Colo., where they now live. Their family consists of two daughters, Stella Viola and Mary Emma.

Stella V., born at Harker Corners, Oct. 8, 1877. She was married in the family home, June 19, 1895, to John Haney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Haney, who lived west of the Corners. One child Margaret was born in Peoria, Ill., Sept. 8, 1898. Mr. Haney died in Chicago in April, 1903, and is buried in Peoria. Mrs. Haney and her daughter moved to Colorado with her parents.

She was married in June, 1913, to Rufus Morgan McClung Francisco. He is a descendant of Captain Peter Francisco who was on General George Washington's Staff in the Revolutionary War. His mother belongs to

the families of both Morgan and McClung, known throughout the South, and he himself, was born in Knox County, Tennessee.

Mary E. was born June 6, 1881, at Harker Corners, Ill. She was married Dec. 25, 1902, in Bloomington, Ill., to Clarence E. Rogers. They have one child, Katherine Matilda, born in Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 1, 1908.

Now living in Denver, Colo.

George Pfeiffer, Senior, was born in Erlenbach, Germany, Jan. 11, 1813, near Hessen Darmstadt. He came to America in 1835, first to Huntingdon County, Penn., then to Ohio, and later to Illinois. Here he married Anna Mary Haller, who was born at Kolweil, Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1821. She came to America in 1834, and also lived first in Huntingdon County, Penn., before coming to Illinois.

Mr. Pfeiffer was a leading tailor in Peoria, in a very early day, his business card appears as follows, in Drown's Directory, printed in 1844, now in the Public Library.

"George Pfeiffer, tailor, Fulton St., between Washington and Adams. All garments warranted to fit. Cutting done on short notice."

His health giving way at his work, he moved his family out on a farm in Central Limestone township, eight miles west of Peoria, on what is still called the Pfeiffer road. This was the family home for many years, but in their later life they returned to Peoria. His wife died in 1881, and his death occurred in 1904. Both are buried in Springdale Cemetery.

They had the following children: Philip, Catherine, John, George, Rose, William, Mary.

John married Achsah Nevius, lives in Fairview, Ill., and has two children, Wilbert and Etta.

Catherine, Rose, Wm. and Mary are single, and live in Peoria. Philip and George are given before.

Rose has devoted her life to the teaching profession, in which she has made a reputation for marked ability. She has been Principal of the West Bluff Whittier School, for a number of years, and is also noted among Sunday School workers for her earnest and steadfast efforts among them. And the Author of this book pays grateful tribute to her, for her very earliest start in the educational line, in the "little red school house" in Limestone so many years ago.

George Pfeiffer had a half-brother Peter Pfeiffer, who lived in Ohio, near Findlay, and his descendants still live there. His sisters were Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Nichols. Their descendants live in, and near Peoria, Ill.

Anna Haller Pfeiffer had three sisters, and three brothers. Catherine became Mrs. Straesser; Eve, Mrs. Stauffer; and Rosanna, Mrs. Gabler. They all lived in Peoria and its vicinity. Of the brothers, John Haller and family lived in Limestone township. George and family in Southern California. Jacob died single.



HENRY S. HARKER

CHAPTER V.

HENRY SMITH HARKER, son of James and Puella Harker, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., July 10, 1820. He moved with his parents to Peoria County, Ill., in 1829. His father having located at Harker Corners, near Peoria, his life was, for the most part, spent in that vicinity. Mr. Harker was always a farmer, and of him it may well be said, "He filled his place in life to good purpose". He was united in marriage, on Oct. 20, 1842, to Isabella Duffield, who was born at New Marion, Indiana, March 8, 1823, and then living in the vicinity of Glasford, Ill. This union was blest with a large family, but only those who survived infancy are here recorded. Mr. Harker was a large man, and in his later years, rather helpless. He and his wife were members of the Baptist faith. In the year 1875, on July 28, he passed away, his wife died April 23, 1892, and both lie buried in the Harker Corners Cemetery.

Children as follows: William Duffield, Francis Marion, Jonathan Judson, Hannah Elizabeth, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson.

Wm. D., born May 18, 1844. He, like his father, was a large man, was always a school teacher, having had a brilliant mind. Mr. Harker married Amanda J. Watrous, Oct. 29, 1874, and died Oct. 7, 1902, leaving no family. Buried at Harker Corners.

Francis M. born Sept. 1, 1849, in Timber township, Peoria County, Ill. His early life was spent in that

vicinity. On July 2, 1868, he was married to Sarah A. Jones, daughter of W. G. and Electa Jones of Jones Hollow, near Peoria. She was born Aug. 16, 1847. Mr. Harker lived in Iroquois County, Ill., for some time, but in 1878, moved to Jasper County, Mo., where he followed farming for a number of years. Later on, the family moved to Carthage, Mo., and Mr. Harker died there on Jan. 6, 1908, and is buried in Park Cemetery. His wife, and children survived him. Lillian, Flora, William Henry, Andrew Jackson.

Lillian, born in Iroquois County, Ill., May 9, 1869. Married Elmer Colip at Carthage, Mo., Dec. 10, 1889. Mr. Colip died Jan. 10, 1891, at Carthage. She remarried several years later, Mr. D. J. Dewette, on Feb. 10, 1902, also of Carthage. They moved to Seligman, Mo., in 1908, and she died there, on June 2, 1909. Is buried in Carter Cemetery, Carthage, Mo. No children.

Flora, born in Iroquois County, Ill., Oct. 31, 1870. Married Francis Cassavan, son of George and Mary Cassavan, on Dec. 25, 1888, at Carthage, Mo., and still lives there. They have children as follows: Josephite Margarite, born Jan. 25, 1892; George Elbert, born Oct. 27, 1893; Lillian Pauline, born June 3, 1896; Francis Frederick, born July 7, 1899.

William H. was born at Glasford, Ill., on June 2, 1876. Moved with his father to Missouri, when but two years of age. He was married to Tempir Shields, at Carthage, Mo. The family moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1902, and from there to Addy, in 1905. They are now living on a farm, 11 miles south of Addy, Stevens County,

Washington. Children as follows: Lewis Shields, born in Carthage, Mo., Dec., 2, 1897; Francis Marion, born in Spokane, Wash., Sept. 1, 1902; William Henry, born in Spokane, March 13, 1905; Tempir Elleene, born near Addy, Washington, April 16, 1909.

Andrew Jackson, born at Carthage, Mo., Sept. 30, 1880. He married Laura Benna, in 1905, and has one child, Howard Hadley, born in 1908. They live on a farm near Carthage, Mo.

Jonathan J., son of Henry and Isabella Harker, was born Dec. 25, 1853, near Harker Corners. Married Miss Minerva J. Noel, on March 6, 1873. She was born near Peoria, Oct. 10, 1853. Their home was, for the most part, in Peoria, where Mr. Harker was a valued employee of the Government Mail Service. Mrs. Harker died Jan. 23, 1905, and he followed soon after, on Nov. 5, 1906. Buried in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Ill. They had children as follows: Minnie, Thomas Charles, Warren Noel, Harry.

Minnie, born June 1, 1875. Died Oct. 25, 1911. Was single. Buried at Chillicothe, Ill.

Thomas C., born near Eureka, Ill., June 27, 1880. Married Lavina Sweetnam, at Cedarburg, Wisconsin, on May 1, 1904. She was born April 23, 1881. They have one child, George Charles, born April 8, 1909. Mr. Harker lives in the Uplands, West Bluff, Peoria, and is head of the Printing firm of T. C. Harker & Co.

Warren N. Harker was born Nov. 27, 1887. His health failing, he went to Denver, Colo., but returned later to Peoria, where he died, May 8, 1908. Was single. Buried at Chillicothe, Ill.

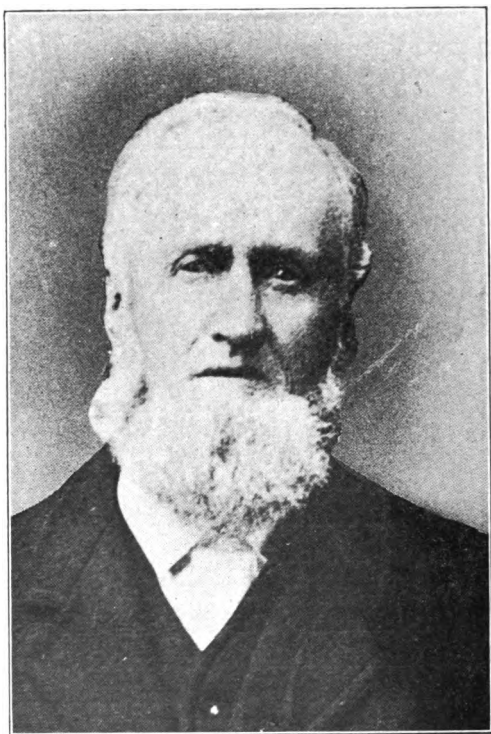
Harry, the youngest son, was born in Peoria, July 4, 1894. He is a student in the Peoria High School.

Hannah E., daughter of Henry and Isabella Harker was born near Harker Corners, Aug. 16, 1856. She married Charles E. Herwig, in Butler Co., Kansas, on Dec. 24, 1882. In the year 1890, they moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, the present home. Children as follows: Amelia Alberta, born Jan. 25, 1885. Died young.

Emerald Allen, born March 28, 1887. He married, in Colorado, May, 1912, Miss Kate Reid. She was born in Clarindon, Texas, in 1891. Susan Isabella, born Feb. 19, 1889. Lewis Charles, born March 3, 1894. He is a Telegraph Operator at Amarillo, Texas. William Seba, born March 1, 1896. Erwin Elwood, born Jan. 31, 1898. The younger children are with their mother in Guthrie.

Thomas J., son of Henry and Isabella Harker, was born near Harker Corners, Ill., Oct. 9, 1858. He married Daisy Donovan, April 15, 1890, in Kiowa Co., Colo. She was born in Bristol Co., Ohio, Nov. 1, 1866. Mr. Harker is now living at Lamar, Colo., where he is a Stock and Ranchman. Children as follows: Willard Clyde, born June 25, 1891; Herbert C., born July 20, 1893, died in 1893; Henry H., born Feb. 1, 1896; Andrew Jackson, born May 16, 1897. All were born at Brandon, Kiowa Co., Colo.

Andrew J., youngest son of Henry and Isabella Harker, was born Oct. 14, 1860, near Harker Corners, Ill. Married Elizabeth A. Clark, in Modesto, California, Oct. 22, 1882. She was born in Iowa, and died at Chivington, Colo., on April 16, 1888. Mr. Harker lives in Pomona,



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Calif., where he is a Mining Engineer. Their children were Lutie Isabella and Gordon Henry.

Lutie I., born in Modesto, Calif., on Aug. 11, 1883. Married Bennett Darling, at Springfield, Colo., on June 20, 1900. They live in Pomona, and have three children: Mildred Carrizo, born at Carrizo, Colo., March 10, 1902; Madge Harker, born at Prowers, Colo., in 1904; Blanche, born at Lamar, Colo., in 1908.

Gordon H. Harker, born at Brandon, Colo., Oct. 29, 1887. He married Florence Ellen Hobson, Oct. 29, 1912. She was born at La Hobra, California, March 7, 1896. They live in Pomona, Calif., where Mr. Harker is an electrician.

Jeremiah Walling, son of James and Puella Higley P. Harker, was born April 11, 1824, at Port Byron, N. Y. He came with his father to Harker Corners in 1829, and this vicinity was his home for a number of years. He married Miss Nancy A. Kinder, March 7, 1850. She was the daughter of Samuel and Margaret Phillips Kinder, and was born at Cootehill, Cavan Co., Ireland, April 19, 1831. To this union of pioneer families, came also, the family of the pioneer, twelve children, two of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Harker was always a farmer, being of the sturdy type of pioneer, who tilled the soil, and stood for all that was best in his community. In his later years, the family home was in Peoria, Ill., where he died Dec. 21, 1889.

Mrs. Harker passed through life making many friends, and the Methodist pastor of her church, paid a beautiful tribute to her friendliness, and her Christian life, in her

funeral sermon. To her family, she gave her closest attention and was always a faithful counselor to her children. In her declining years, she was cared for by her devoted daughter, Margaret H. Kopp, and passed to her reward, on Jan. 15, 1905. They are buried in Harker Corners Cemetery. They had children as follows: Joseph, Puella, Seba, Susan, James, Mandelay, Addie, Daniel, Margaret, Frank.

Joseph M., born at Harker Corners, Ill., Dec. 18, 1850. Graduated from Peoria Co. Normal School. Taught in Peoria country schools several years. He was married to Martha I. Cowley, March 27, 1879, at Brimfield, Ill. She was born Jan. 10, 1852, in Memphis, Tenn. To this most happy union came one child, Martha Josephine. Mr. Harker moved to Peoria, Ill. and for 18 years was a valued employee of the Iowa Central R. R. On June 1, 1905, he was appointed Chief Supervisor of Weights, by the Peoria Board of Trade, which position he still holds.

Mrs. Harker was a rather delicate woman, but was always her husband's helpful companion. Many will remember her generous hospitality with gratitude, and her affectionate desire to serve her God, and promote the welfare of all whose pathway in life lay alongside of her own. She died June 3, 1911, and was buried in the Brimfield Cemetery, near her old home.

Their daughter, Martha Josephine, was born Oct. 27, 1881, near Harker Corners. She graduated from the State Normal School at Charleston, Ill., and taught in the city schools of Peoria several years. On Aug. 15, 1910, at the home of her parents, she was married to Charles

Sumner Stewart, who was born Aug. 9, 1883, on a farm near Charleston, Ill. Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the State Normal there also, and of the University of Illinois at Champaign, where his scholarship won him the degree of A. B. in 1908, and B. S. in 1909. He is a Civil Engineer, also does concrete work, and is located in North Platte, Nebraska. One child, Martha Barbara, born Aug. 20, 1912, died in infancy.

Puella J., born at Harker Corners, on July 9, 1852. She married Millard H. Buck, son of Abram and Cornelia Buck of New York state, on Aug. 29, 1870.

The family home has always been near Monica, Ill. They have children as follows: Charles Albert, Anna Cornelia, Flora May, Susan Ada, Cora Viola.

Charles A., born Jan. 19, 1872. He married Julia E. McDougal, Aug. 26, 1896. They live on a farm near Princeville, Ill., and have the following children: Clara Marguerite, born June 3, 1897; Hazel Evalean, born June 3, 1899; Harold Millard, born Feb. 17, 1901; Vesta Maud, born April 15, 1906; Evelyn June, born June 1, 1910.

Anna C., born Sept. 29, 1873. Was married to William Walter Day, on Dec. 31, 1902. Children are: Millard Eugene, born Aug. 4, 1904; Cornelia Jane, born Sept. 15, 1906; William Russell, born Aug. 30, 1908, and died Dec. 25, 1908. The family live in Elmwood, Ill., where Mr. Day is a grain dealer.

Flora M., born Nov. 30, 1875. She was married to Charles Schaad, March 7, 1895. They have two children: Merle Everett, born June 17, 1896; Frederick Millard,

born Jan. 23, 1900. Mr. Schaad is a farmer living near Princeville, Ill.

Susan A., born July 31, 1879. Married to Charles Henry Crawford Hogaboom, on Sept. 28, 1904. They have no children. Mr. Hogaboom is a Railway Mail Agent on the Santa Fe, and lives in Chicago, Ill.

Cora V., born Dec. 23, 1883. She was united in marriage with John Arleigh Hayes, on Aug. 23, 1905. He was born in Brimfield, Ill., Jan. 19, 1877, son of Charles and Elizabeth Hindle Hayes. Mr. J. A. Hayes graduated from Western Normal College, June 15, 1896, and since that time has been engaged in public school work. He was elected County Supt. of Schools for Peoria Co., on Nov. 5, 1910, and still holds his office. The family home is in Peoria, and they have one child, Gertrude Elizabeth, born July 27, 1908.

Seba Higley, son of Jeremiah and Nancy Harker, was born, Oct. 20, 1854, at Harker Corners, Ill. He married Isabella Cameron, Oct. 20, 1880. She was born in North Limestone, Ill., March 20, 1859, and was the daughter of John and Isabella Cameron. Her father was born at Inverness, Scotland. Her mother at Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Harker was in business for a number of years in Peoria, but later removed to a farm near Dunlap, Ill., where they reared their large family, and were efficient workers in the Presbyterian Church, and among the leaders in that community.

The first break in the large family of ten brothers and sisters, as well as his own family, occurred when Seba Higley Harker died at his home, two and one-half miles

east of Dunlap, Ill., on May 20, 1913. His death followed a very brief illness. The funeral service was held at the Presbyterian Church in Dunlap, and was largely attended, with burial near by. The church, and community lost a fine worker, and a fine type of citizen with his passing.

Mrs. Harker and her younger children will continue to live on the home farm. Their children are: Ida May, Myrtle Louella, Paul Weston, Seba Elmer, Annetta Belle, Frederick Allen, Effie Grace, Charles Herbert, Glenn Higley.

Ida M., born Feb. 15, 1882, in Peoria, Ill. Was married Feb. 17, 1904, to Fred C. Campbell, who was born June 9, 1879, near Alta, Ill., the son of Elliott R. and Clara E. Campbell. They live on a farm near Alta, Ill. Children as follows: Donald Frederick, born Sept. 10, 1905, died March 22, 1906; Florence Isabella, born April 18, 1907; Robert Elliott, born Sept. 17, 1908; Marion Elizabeth, born June 4, 1910; Seba Harold, born Oct. 15, 1912.

Myrtle L., was born Aug. 5, 1883, in Peoria, Ill. Married Oct. 16, 1907, to Oscar Edward Cline, who was born near Dunlap, Ill., Nov. 26, 1882, son of Charles R. and Rosella Wilder Cline. They live on a farm near Dunlap, and have one child, Donald Edwin, born June 19, 1909.

Paul W., born April 19, 1885, in Peoria, Ill. He married on Feb. 10, 1909, Margaret Isabella, daughter of Wm. Wallace and Mary McCluggage Cameron. She was born, July 10, 1878, in Limestone township. They

have one child, Gertrude Pauline, born July 17, 1911. Mr. Harker is a farmer, living near Elmwood, Ill.

Seba Elmer, born April 18, 1888, in Peoria, Ill. He married Miss Pearl I. Harrison of Princeville, Ill., on June 11, 1913. They live on a farm near Dunlap, Ill. Annetta B., born Jan. 20, 1891, in Peoria; Fred. A., born Aug. 15, 1893, in Peoria; Effie G., born May 3, 1895, in Peoria; Charles H., born Sept. 15, 1897, in Dunlap; Glenn H., born Jan. 14, 1901, in Dunlap.

Susan, daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy Harker, was born Nov. 5, 1856, at Harker Corners, Ill. Married Dec. 26, 1876, in Limestone Township, Peoria County, to John D. Moore, son of Samuel and Isabella Rusk Moore, of Ohio. They had three children, Lois Isabella, Seba Elmer, Frances Kinder.

Lois I., born Oct. 12, 1877. She married Sherman T. Henry, Feb. 23, 1910. He was a merchant of Monica, Ill. Mrs. Henry, before her marriage, was a graduate nurse from the Deaconess Hospital of Peoria. On Oct. 4, 1910, while she and her husband were on their way to visit her Aunt, Mrs. Plummer, they were instantly killed in a wreck at Staunton, Ill., on the Illinois Traction Line.

Seba E., born March 19, 1880. He married on Jan. 25, 1900, Miss Ethel Corney of Jubilee, Ill. Children as follows: Isabella Susan, born Nov. 21, 1902; Lois Evelyn, born April 25, 1904; John Donaldson, born Nov. 1, 1906.

Mr. Moore was a carpenter, and while working at his trade, fell from a high building, receiving injuries from which he declined until his death on May 20, 1911. His

father, John D. Moore, was a farmer near Brimfield, Ill., and died there Dec. 7, 1893.

Mrs. Ethel Corney Moore was married to Lynn Clifford Greene in May, 1913, and with her family lives in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Frances K., daughter of John D. and Susan Moore, born Nov. 9, 1889. She was married April 20, 1907, to Roy E. Stowell, son of Nathan and Minerva Stowell of Monica, Ill. A little daughter, Alice May, born May 31, 1912, died in infancy. Mr. Stowell is Principal of the Loucks Public School of Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. Susan Moore was united in marriage, March 9, 1904, to Mr. Frank Belford, of Monica. No children. They live on the East Bluff in Peoria, Ill.

James, son of Jeremiah and Nancy Harker, born Sept. 19, 1862, at Harker Corners. He was married March 11, 1885, to Sylvia Moore, who was born in 1863, daughter of Joseph and Tabitha Moore, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio. Their children were, Ethel E., Ward E., Florence M.

Mrs. Sylvia M. Harker died July 23, 1903, and is buried in Harker Corners Cemetery.

Ethel E., born Feb. 13, 1889, in Peoria. Attended school at Brimfield, Ill. Returning to Peoria later, she graduated from the Normal Training School for Teachers, in June, 1913, and is now a teacher in the Garfield School, Peoria, Ill.

Ward E., born April 23, 1892, in Peoria, Ill. Attended school in Brimfield, and lived there for some time. He then entered the Wireless Telegraph School, at Mare

Island, California. Here he enlisted Jan. 1, 1912, and completed the course in six months. He then received his commission and was assigned to the United States Ship "Supply", as wireless operator. They sailed across the Pacific Ocean, and up to this time, he has visited the Hawaiian, Guam, and Philippine Islands, also China and Japan.

Florence M., born Aug. 25, 1895, at Brimfield, Ill. Attended school there, and also the Central High School in Peoria. She is teaching school No. 16, near Brimfield, this year, 1913.

Mr. James Harker married again on Feb. 26, 1905, Miss Susan L. Schofield, of Dewitt, Mo. They have no children, and live near Bourbon, Mo.

Mandelay L., born April 19, 1864, at Harker Corners, Ill. She was married March 11, 1885, to John Howarth, son of John and Salina Howarth, of England. Mr. Howarth died, leaving no children. Mrs. Howarth was again married, on Dec. 24, 1897, to Walter B. Plummer, son of Wm. and Mary Plummer, of Flemingsburg, Kentucky. They have no children, but Mrs. Plummer is all that the name Mother implies, to her step son, Harold Plummer. They live in Opdyke, Ill.

Addie L., was born at Harker Corners, Ill., April 22, 1867. She married March 25, 1891, Mr. John E. Barrett, born June 13, 1863. He was the son of Isaac and Drusilla Abrahams Barrett, of Ohio. They have no children, and live on a farm near Elmwood, Ill.

Daniel E., born Sept. 25, 1869, at Brimfield, Ill. He married Miss Clara M. Cheek, July 16, 1890. She was

born at Mt. Carmel, Ill., on Oct. 5, 1869. Mr. Harker is Dept. Manager, and Asst. Buyer with Schipper & Block, of Peoria. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and Fort Clark Lodge No. 109 I. O. O. F. Has served continuously as Financial Secretary for twenty years, in the Fort Clark Lodge.

They have one child, Arthur A., born in Peoria, Oct. 2, 1891. He graduated from the Central High School in June, 1910, and is now with the Isaac Walker Hardware Co. of Peoria.

Margaret M., born April 27, 1872, at Brimfield, Ill. She was married June 8, 1892, in Peoria, to Charles R. Kopp, son of Wm. and Katherine Kopp of Washington, Ill. They have one child, Mildred Irene, born Dec. 16, 1897, and now a student in the Lincoln Avenue High School, Peoria, Ill.

Frank A., born in Limestone township, Peoria Co., Ill., Nov. 11, 1876. He was married in Peoria, Sept. 20, 1899, to Miss Eva M. Peterson, daughter of Everick and Elizabeth Peterson. They have one child, Donald E., born May 20, 1902. Mr. Harker is in the employ of the United States Government, as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Peoria, Ill.



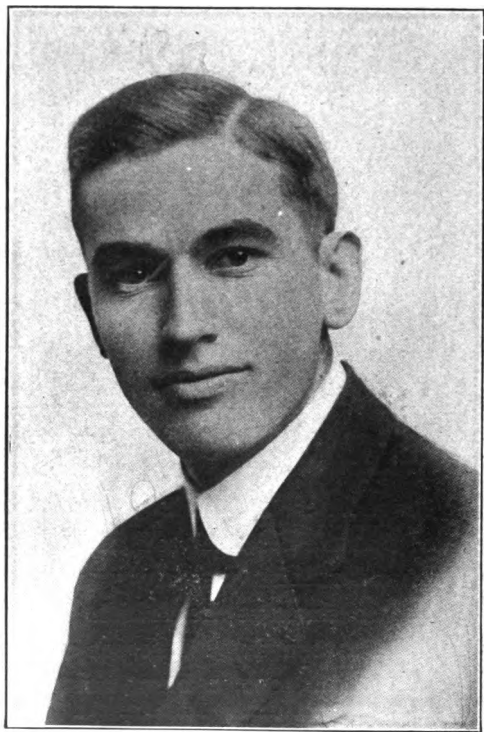
SEBA H. HARKER

Seba Higley, the youngest son of James and Puella Harker, was born Sept. 2, 1829, in Port Byron, Cayuga Co., New York. When but three weeks and two days old, his parents started on the long trip West, which took them seven weeks and three days, and the wonderful vitality, which enabled so young an infant to survive such a long hard journey, has also contributed to keeping him in fair health, at this time, 1913, being in his 85th year, and long surviving all the rest of his generation.

The writer wishes to thank him, many times, for the generous help he has given, both in furnishing very old data, and in correcting much other that she had obtained and wished verified.

All of his early life was spent at Harker Corners and vicinity. Later on, some years spent in the Middle West, and a few years in Peoria, Ill. In the year 1891, he removed to Halsey, Oregon, reaching there on July 11, where he still lives.

Extract from a letter written by him: "My father used to tell me, that the old musket I used to kill prairie chickens, quail, and rabbits, was my grandfather's gun, that he had used to shoot at the British. And that my grandmother used to run three different size lead balls. One was an ounce ball, one, a blunt point, and one, a sharp pointed ball. My grandmother, on father's side, would send my grandfather those balls to shoot at the Red Coats. Yes—my grandfather carried the old musket all through the Revolutionary War with him, and when he was discharged from the Army, he asked for his old musket, and they gave it to him to take home as a trophy of the war.



L. LEON RAY

When I moved to Oregon, I left it with my half brother, Hiram Partridge, at Smithville, Ill., at his request. Also left the old bullet molds, made out of stone. The old musket was a flint lock.

My grandfather Harker was paid in Continental money, when mustered out, and my father gave each of his five sons a piece of it to keep. Mine, I have laid away for safe keeping, and sometimes I go and look at it, and think how long ago it is since he held that sacred, hard earned money, in his patriotic old hands. Mine is marked seventy-five cents."

(There is one other piece still in existence. Now owned by Jeremiah Harker of Denver.)

Mr. Seba Harker was married at Harker Corners, Ill., July 4, 1855, to Hannah Elizabeth Mills, who was born in Washington Co., New York, Dec. 26, 1836, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mills. Mrs. Harker died in Halsey, Oregon, Sept. 9, 1902. They had children as follows: Sarah Emily, Lucy Desire, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Etta, Clara Puella.

Sarah E., born at Harker Corners, Ill., Oct. 15, 1856. Her early life was spent in that vicinity. Her father lived for a short time in Nebraska, and on Dec. 2, 1874, near Elmwood, Neb., she was married to George Thomas Ray, of Missouri. Later on, returning to Illinois, they lived in Peoria until Nov., 1892, when they went west and joined her father in Oregon. They have lived for many years near Eugene, Oregon, where they have a suburban home. Their children are, Rose Anna, Seba Richard, Leonard Leon, Clara Ethel, Ila Jane.

Rose A., born at Ft. Worth, Texas, April 14, 1876. Died Jan. 13, 1905.

Seba Richard, born at Ottawa, Kan., Jan. 17, 1878. Died in Peoria, Nov. 28, 1878.

Leonard Leon, born in Peoria, Ill., July 13, 1888. He was but 4 years of age when his parents moved to Oregon, and his later life has all been spent in the west. He graduated with the degree of A. B. from the University of Oregon, at Eugene, June 18, 1912, with the following fine record: One of six out of 115, who were chosen to deliver their orations. Made the 'Varsity Debating team in Freshman year, being the third Freshman who ever did so, and held the place for the four years. Won the gold medal, which is the Alumni medal given each year to the best individual debator in College, won in Senior year. Was President of the Student Body that year, also. He also took part in the Junior Orations, and was on the staff of the College Newspaper, "The Oregon Emerald", for two years.

Was chosen to deliver an address at the unveiling of a Sun Dial, on the Campus—a memorial to a boy student. The subject of his graduating Thesis was, "Suggestions for the Revision of Oregon's Corporation Laws". Some of his suggestions are already under consideration by the State Legislature.

And all this was done without the need of being a "Frat" man, for the democracy of the West, still takes a man for what he is.

Mr. Ray will continue to teach, while pursuing a course of law studies, and will, no doubt, become the

first Lawyer in this large kinship. And for the credit which graduating from the Universities brings to this relationship, the pictures of Leon Ray, Chas. O. Boynton, and Lloyd B. McCoy, are given a place in this volume.

Clara E., born in Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27, 1889.

Ila Jane, born in Halsey, Ore., Feb. 26, 1893.

Both are successful business women, living in Eugene, Ore.

Lucy D., daughter of Seba and Hannah Harker, was born in Illinois, Aug. 19, 1858. She is single, and lives with her father in Halsey.

Elizabeth Jane, born at Harker Corners, Ill., Nov. 6, 1860. She was married in Peoria, Ill., Oct. 12, 1882, to Wm. F. White, of Virginia. They had one child which died in infancy. Leaving Peoria on Sept. 10, 1892, the family home has ever since been in Halsey, Ore. Mr. White is a member of the firm of Cross & White, Hardware and Furniture.

Mary E., born at Harker Corners, Ill., Sept. 24, 1864. Married in Peoria, Ill., Jan. 1, 1883, to Samuel M. Ray, brother of G. T. Ray, mentioned before. They went to Oregon with her father, and Mrs. Ray died in Halsey, July 25, 1893. They had three children, Ira Ettric, born in Peoria, Ill., July 4, 1884. He was married at Prineville, Ore., Aug. 28, 1910, to Miss Faye La Follette, who was born in Halsey, on Aug. 7, 1892. They live on a farm near Antelope, Ore., and have one child, Goldie Eliza.

Elsie Amine, was born in Peoria, Ill., March 21, 1888. She was married March 21, 1911, at Dallas, Ore., to

Lloyd Pickard. They have no children, and live in Eugene, Ore.

Mary Jane, born in Halsey, 1893 and died there in 1894.

Clara Puella, youngest child of Seba and Hannah Harker, was born near Elmwood, Neb., Dec. 8, 1871. Removing to Oregon in 1892, she taught school until her marriage. On May 19, 1897, she was united in marriage with Mr. Joseph A. Cross, at Eugene, Ore. To this happy union were born four sons, namely: Floyd Elden, born Sept. 3, 1899; Jesse Orrin, born June 25, 1901; Willis Kenneth, born Sept. 20, 1903; George Donald, born Aug. 22, 1906.

The family home has always been in Halsey, where Mr. Cross was a prosperous merchant, and one of its finest citizens. While still a young man, a severe illness developed, and he was called to his heavenly home, on Dec. 3, 1906.

His wife and brother-in-law, W. F. White, still continue the business firm of Cross & White.

CHAPTER VI.

SARAH HARKER, first child of James and Mary McColom Harker, was born in New Jersey in 1797. Her marriage to George Griggs took place in Cayuga Co., N. Y., about 1816. With her husband and family of six children, she came with her father and his family, to Illinois in 1829. Their home was on what was known as Pennsylvania Ridge, about ten miles west of Harker Corners.

Their children were, Harvey, James, Puella, Franklyn, Mary, Jeremiah, Asenath, Susan. They lived the hard life of the early pioneers, reared their family, and passed away, leaving a good name to a large number of interesting descendants. Mr. Griggs died in 1849. His wife died in 1875. Both are buried in Harker Corners Cemetery.

Harvey, oldest son of George and Sarah Griggs, was born in New York, Nov. 24, 1817. When but a boy, he came to Illinois with his parents in 1829, and passed his entire life near the old home, west of Harker Corners. He was married about 1844, to Eliza Long, who was born March 14, 1828, and the large family of fourteen children came to them. Sarah, Frank, Charles, Asenath, William, Eunice, James, Ury, Andrew, Arminda, Thornton, Fernando, Almira, Mary Eliza.

Mr. Harvey Griggs died in 1870, and is buried in a cemetery on the home farm, not far from Glasford, Ill. His wife died May 17, 1907, at the home of her son



SARAH HARKER GRIGGS

James, in Horton, Kansas, and is buried there in Wheatland Cemetery. Of their children, the following died single, and are buried on the home place with the father: Sarah, Asenath, Ury, Andrew, Fernando, Almira, Mary Eliza.

Frank D., the second child, was born on the home farm, Jan. 18, 1846. His early years were spent in Illinois, but the later ones in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. His first marriage was to Jennie Thompson of Polk Co., Neb. They afterward lived in Seward Co., and later separated. No children known.

For his second wife, he married Mrs. Julia Jverson, about 1883, in Wichita, Kan., as his oldest child Mabel, was born there on June 4, 1884. She is single, and lives with her half sister, Mrs. C. L. Hollem, in Lawton, Okla.

Harvey Griggs was born in Wichita, Kan., Nov. 12, 1887. He married Miss Jewel Mills, in 1912, and lives in Dallas, Texas.

Arminda was born in Fort Smith, Ark., on Jan. 17, 1892. She married Kenneth Denham, Jan. 17, 1913, and lives in Lawton, Okla.

Tillman, born April 25, 1896, and Stephen, born April 10, 1898, were both born in Enid, Okla. They are living with their mother, in Albion, Neb. The father died June 8, 1904, and the following is copied from an Enid paper:

"A coroner's inquest was held yesterday at Fairmont, over the body of Frank D. Griggs, who dropped dead there yesterday morning. A verdict of death from heart failure was given. The remains were brought to this

city last evening. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Clear Creek Church, seven and one-half miles from the city. Interment at Clear Creek Cemetery."

Charles, son of Harvey and Eliza Griggs, was born in Peoria Co., Ill., Feb. 25, 1847, and lived the greater part of his life in Fulton Co., Ill. He was married to Miss Jennie Spencer, Sept. 21, 1873. The family lived in Farmington, Ill., for about seven years, and had been residents of Canton, Ill., about 18 years, when his death occurred. He died in 1907, following three years of ill health, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Canton.

Mr. Griggs was a good citizen, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His wife is living with her daughter, Gertrude May, their only child.

Gertrude M., married Otis Hummel, and they have one child, Clyde, born in Canton, where the family now live.

William H., third son of Harvey and Eliza Griggs, was born in Peoria Co., Ill., Sept. 20, 1848. His first marriage took place two and one-half miles south of Trivoli, Peoria Co., Ill., to Mary Margaret Frazee. They had two sons, Matthias, who died in infancy, and Ira W., who was born Oct. 2, 1870, three miles north of Breeds, Fulton Co., Ill., in Orion township. Mrs. Griggs died Sept. 29, 1892, at Hillsdale, Mich., and was buried at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Ira W., was raised by his mother, and on Feb. 16, 1897, was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Edith Davis, who was born June 30, 1870. They have one child, Margaret Lila, born Oct. 29, 1899, in the family home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Wm. H. Griggs married for his second wife, Bettie C. Crowder, on July 21, 1874, in Randolph Co., Mo. They lived there for eight years, then moved to Ray Co. for three years. Thence to Polo, Caldwell Co., Mo., for fourteen years. The family then went to Horton, Kan., for ten years, and now live in Shannon Co., Mo., but their Postoffice address is Summersville, Mo.

They have the following children: Harvey, Franklyn, Iva May, Nettie Clay, Odella, Blanche.

Harvey, born June 1, 1875. Died May 21, 1876.

Franklyn, born June 9, 1877, in Randolph Co., Mo. He married Cora Clark, Nov. 27, 1895, at Polo, Mo. Their children are: Elizabeth, born Jan. 27, 1897; Mary, born Feb. 23, 1900; Thelma, born Dec. 3, 1903; Irean and Roean, born July 14, 1905 (Roean died); Franklyn, born March 31, 1907; Willma, born Nov. 19, 1908; Forrest, born July 12, 1910; Daniel Omega, born April 4, 1912, in Scott Co., Rockingham Twp., Iowa. The family home is in Davenport, Iowa.

Iva M., born May 9, 1879, in Randolph Co., Mo. She married Mr. E. F. Clark, at Polo, Mo. He is a brother to Franklyn's wife. They have two children, both born in Polo, Mo.: Virgil, born Jan. 25, 1901; William, born May 20, 1903. Their address is Summerville, Mo.

Nettie C., born Oct. 22, 1881, in Randolph Co., Mo. She married Robert Smith, Nov. 10, 1897, in Polo. He died ten months later, leaving her with one child, Dollie, who was born in Jackson Co., Mo., Aug. 12, 1898.

Two years later, she married T. G. Bennett. They have the following children: Franklyn, born in 1902, at

Polo; Leona, born Dec. 28, 1905; William, born Feb. 5, 1908; Lena, born April 18, 1910. Their address is Polo, Mo.

Odella, born June 28, 1884, in Ray Co., Mo. She married Ora McFarren, Oct. 4, 1903, at Horton, Kan. Their children are: Reta, born Aug. 12, 1904; Esther, born April 4, 1906; Bettie, born Nov. 4, 1907. Their address is Horton, Kansas.

Blanche, born Sept. 29, 1886, in Ray Co., Mo. She married Mr. R. G. Cress, Nov. 1, 1903, at Horton, Kan. Their children are: John Melvin, born Feb. 11, 1906; Floyd, born May 21, 1908; Audra, born Nov. 30, 1911. Their address is Horton, Kansas.

Eunice, daughter of Harvey and Eliza Long Griggs, was born on the home farm, March 10, 1851. She married Mr. Charles Johns of Fulton Co., Ill., and passed a good part of her early married life, traveling in the west in search of health. The family home was for sixteen years, in Missouri. There Mr. Johns was killed in a mine accident. She was left a widow, with eight children, and soon returned to Illinois. In 1894, her marriage to Joseph Knight, of Canton, Ill., took place, and they have one child, Eunice Josephine, born in 1895. The family home is in Canton, Ill.

Eunice J. was married in 1912, to Ted. Owens, of Canton. They have an infant son, Harley, born in 1913. The Johns family are of Welsh descent, and the eight Johns children are as follows: Arminda, John Harvey, Frank, Edmund, Onie, Thomas, Arthur, Hattie.

Arminda, married Joseph Noret, and has Leta, Melissa, Charles, Hattie. They live in Sparland, Marshall Co., Ill.

John H. married Alice Knaggs, and has Daisy, Rose, John, Alice, Charles, and Robert Easton.

Daisy graduated in June, 1913, from the Public Schools, and will be a student in Brown's Business College this same year. The family live on Division Street, Prospect Heights, Peoria.

Frank Johns married Mrs. Fannie Edwards, and has Shelby, Clarence, Edward, and Boyd. They live in Canton, Ill.

Edmund Johns was single, and died at Lewistown, Ill.

Onie, married Louis Pierce. She has two children, Nora, and Ross. They live in Canton, Ill.

Thomas, married Fannie Johnson, and has Paul. They live in St. Davids, Ill.

Arthur, married Ella Witheral in 1912, at Sparland, Ill. They now live in Canton, Ill.

Hattie, married Joseph Graves. She has one son, Paul, and lives at Copalis, Washington, via Pacific Beach.

James H., son of Harvey and Eliza Griggs, was born in Peoria Co., Ill., Aug. 27, 1855. He married Ruth Carlon, Jan. 3, 1878. They had no children, and she died Nov. 27, 1888.

His second marriage took place in Kansas, to Miss Virginia Cress, Sept. 14, 1894, she was born Nov. 9, 1871, in Lee Co., Virginia. They have one child, Ruth, born June 21, 1895.

Ruth was married March 24, 1912, to Charles Speaks, who was born Nov. 4, 1887, in Lee Co., Va.

The family home is in Horton, Kan., and Mr. Griggs has always lived in that state, since leaving Illinois in 1878.

Arminda, daughter of Harvey and Eliza Griggs, was born in Peoria Co., Ill., Feb. 26, 1860. She was married to Oscar E. Mallory, on March 3, 1881. In February, 1882, she removed with her husband to Iowa, near Macedonia, where they made their home. They had one child, Eri. Mrs. Mallory became a member of the M. E. Church in 1890, and lived an exemplary Christian life. Her death occurred on Feb. 3, 1892, of double pneumonia, and she was buried from the Methodist Church on Feb. 7. Burial in Macedonia Cemetery.

Her son Eri was sent to his father's people in Illinois. He is a single man, and lives on a farm near Speer, Stark Co., Ill.

Thornton O., son of Harvey and Eliza Griggs, was born on the home place, near Glasford, Ill., Sept. 19, 1861. Leaving Illinois in 1877, he went to Kansas, Texas, Missouri, Mexico, Nebraska, and then to Iowa in 1885. After living in Iowa for five years, he returned, in 1890, to Kansas with his family. Leaving Kansas in 1910, the family home has been on a ranch near Beaverton, Kit Carson Co., Colorado.

He was married at Macedonia, Iowa, June 30, 1886, to Elizabeth Jane Pritchett, who was born June 27, 1870, near Macedonia. Their children are, Susan May, Minnie Jolana, James Harvey, John Samuel, Eva Estella, Jennie

Isabel, Violet Grace, Thornton Alfred, Frederick Leroy, Cora Bell.

Susan M. was born Dec. 31, 1887, at Wheeler Grove, Ia. She married Rufus Oglin, Sept. 25, 1904, at Horton, Kan. Their children are: Marvin and Ervin, born at Emmerson, Ia., in 1905, and soon died; Emma Isabel, born May 3, 1907, at Henderson, Ia.; Lloyd Leroy, born Oct. 28, 1908, at Silver City, Ia.; Orville Rufus, born July 27, 1913. The family home is at Powell, Wyoming.

Minnie J., born June 28, 1889, at Wheeler Grove, Ia. She married Alfred Crumb, May 3, 1906, at Horton, Kan. They had three children, Gladys, born June 3, 1907, and lived but eleven days; Harold, born May 3, 1908; Norma, born March 14, 1910. Mrs. Crumb died at her home on June 7, 1911, after a short illness having just returned from a visit with her parents in Colorado. She was a member of the Christian Church in Horton, Kansas, and is buried in Wheatland Cemetery.

James H. was born Sept. 3, 1890, at Baker, Kan. He married Beulah Mae Donoho, at Horton, Kan., July 13, 1908. Their children are: Edna Mae, born Aug. 23, 1910; Murrell Janette, born March 11, 1912; Mabel Helen, born July 13, 1913. The family home is in La Fayette, Ind.

John Samuel was born at Baker, Kan., June 22, 1892. Is single, and lives in Billings, Montana.

Eva E., born at Baker, Kan., April 15, 1895. She married Jerry Trojovsky on Feb. 14, 1911, and lives south of Horton, Kan. They have one child, Edna Twila, born May 13, 1912.

The following children live with the parents, near Beaverton: Jennie I., born at Baker, Kan., Jan. 9, 1897; Thornton A., born at Horton, Kan., Oct. 14, 1904; Cora B., born at Horton, Sept. 30, 1908; Violet G., died in 1901, and Fred. L., in 1906.

James Griggs, the son of George and Sarah Harker Griggs, was born in New York State, June 10, 1819, and came to Illinois in 1829. His entire life was spent on the home place, about ten miles west of Harker Corners, on what was known as Pennsylvania Ridge.

He was a most honorable, home loving, self respecting farmer all his life, and certainly wore the mantle of charity and love for all his kindred. His death occurred April 2, 1903, and he is buried in Harker Corners Cemetery. His first marriage was to Mary A. Bown, who soon died. He was married at Trivoli, Ill., Nov. 27, 1856, to Miss Dulcena McMains, daughter of Enoch and Sarah McMains. To this happy union came five children, all born on the home place. George W., born Oct. 19, 1857; Enoch E., born June 26, 1861; Mary A., born Nov. 25, 1863; Susan A., born Oct. 28, 1866; Marion who died young.

George W. married La Belle Groninger at Trivoli, Ill., Dec. 5, 1882. The Groninger family are among the pioneer families of Peoria County also.

Children as follows: Bernard, Earnest, Ina, Glen, Jay.

Bernard and Jay are single, living in the family home in Glasford, Ill.

Earnest married Pearl Fahnestock, daughter of Frank and Sarah Fahnestock of Glasford. They were married

in Rock Island, Ill., June 12, 1905. Have one child, Vivian Clarice.

Ina, married James Meskimen in Glasford, Ill., April 22, 1904. They have two children, Roscoe and George.

Glen was born in Glasford. She attended the State Normal University at Normal, Ill., and graduated from there with a fine record. She is now Principal in the El Paso, Ill., High School.

Enoch E., married Maud Frank, in Peoria, Ill., Jan. 26, 1884. She died Nov. 2, 1903, leaving three children: Harry, John, Edna.

Harry, married Minnie Richardson of Trivoli, Ill. They live in Peoria, and have two children: Raymond Edwin, Helen Lucille.

John, married Ruby G. Seltzer of Trivoli, Ill., Aug. 27, 1912. They have an infant daughter, and live northwest of Eden, Ill.

Edna, married Frank Raymer, lives in Glasford, Ill., and has no children.

Mary A., daughter of James and Dulcena Griggs, married Frank Douglas Jacobs, in Timber township, Peoria Co., Ill., April 22, 1886. He was born Dec. 16, 1861. They live on a farm on Pennsylvania Ridge, and are the proud parents of six fine sons.

Clifford Douglas, born Feb. 8, 1887. He taught school for five years, and is now a student at the State Normal University, Normal, Ill.

Wilber Max, born June 28, 1889, is a student in Brown's Business College.

Donald Lee, born Aug. 27, 1893.

Paul Bryan, born Nov. 16, 1896.

Frank Douglas, born Oct. 28, 1901.

Marion Griggs, born July 29, 1903. All living at home.

Susan A., daughter of James and Dulcena Griggs, married George Whitlow, at Trivoli, Ill., Dec. 15, 1894. They live in Council Bluffs, Ia., and have three children.

Orpha, born Sept. 27, 1897, at Trivoli.

Dewey, born at Trivoli, Nov. 11, 1898.

Lucille, born at Corning, Ia., Jan. 12, 1904.

Mrs. Dulcena Griggs, with her sister Serena McMains, and her son Enoch, live in Glasford, Ill.

Puella, daughter of George and Sarah Harker Griggs, was born in New York. She came with her parents to Illinois, and married first, Preston McCoy. For her second husband, she married William Thurston. She left no children, and died in Elmwood, Ill.

Mary, daughter of George and Sarah H. Griggs, was born in New York. She was a single woman, and died at the home of her brother James.

Franklyn, son of George and Sarah H. Griggs, was born in New York State, Aug. 5, 1826. He removed to Illinois with his parents in 1829, and lived in the family home on Pennsylvania Ridge during his early years. He was married in Peoria County, April 20, 1848, to Miss Deborah Largent. She was born in Hampshire Co.,

Virginia, Aug. 24, 1826, coming to Illinois when nine years old. They passed the greater part of their lives on a farm northeast of Canton, Ill., where they knew the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and contributed their share of the energy and perseverance of the early settlers, whose efforts have caused the steady growth of the community.

When they became too feeble for farm life, they moved to Hanna City, to rest from their labors. There Mr. Griggs died, May 17, 1905, after a long and useful life. He was an ideal husband, and a consistent christian, who tried to follow in his Lord's footsteps.

When the home was broken up, Mrs. Griggs made her home with relatives. She was a noble woman, holding the love and esteem of all who knew her during her long life, but she was very lonely without her devoted companion, and longed for the time to come when she would be reunited with him again, in that world where there are no more partings or farewells. She died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Christian Mills, near Canton, Ill., at the ripe old age of 84 years, in 1910. They are buried in the Harker Corners Cemetery.

Their children were all born in Peoria County, Ill. Elizabeth, Sarah, Wallace, Amanda, Rachel, Stephen D., and Susan. Stephen died young.

Elizabeth, born March 13, 1849. She was married Dec. 8, 1868, to Harvey Hand, who was born in Ill., Feb. 18, 1843. He died May 18, 1875, and is buried in Osceola, Ia. Mr. Hand enlisted at the age of 19 years, in the U. S. Army, in 1862, in Co. I., 86th Ill. Reg., under Colonel A. L. Fahnestock of Glasford, Ill., and

served during the entire Civil War. He was mustered out, June 6, 1865, at Washington, D. C.

To this marriage came seven children, of which a boy and girl are dead. Charles Ora, Clara Alice, Carrie Maude, James Frederick, Jesse Ellsworth.

Charles Ora, born Feb. 14, 1870, near Canton, Ill. In 1896, he, with his cousin, traveled overland with team and wagon, to the state of Washington, much as did the pioneers of early days.

He was married to Mary E. Abby, May 31, 1900, at Asotin, Wash., and they have five children, all born in Washington. Charles Donald, born April 5, 1902; Harvey Eugene, born Feb. 28, 1903; Lois Fern, born Oct. 27, 1904; Bert Russell, born May 2, 1906; Nellie Maude, born Nov. 14, 1909. The family home is near Pomeroy, Washington.

Clara A. was born Nov. 15, 1872, in Kansas, and was married to Orin Shryock, Jan. 3, 1889, in Glasford, Ill. Their children are, Opal, born Jan. 17, 1895, in Iowa.

Ruth Mildred, born May 15, 1902, in Washington.

Harry Dean, born Jan. 20, 1908, in Montana. The family home is two miles from Superior, Montana.

Carrie M., born Nov. 29, 1875, in Illinois. She was married to Fred P. Saville, Aug. 18, 1899, in Canton, Ill. Their children are, Frances Lisle, born July 7, 1900, in Canton Ill.

Helen Clara, born May 23, 1907, in Arkansas. The family lived near Delmar, Arkansas, until July, 1913, when they moved to Pomeroy, Washington.

James F. was born Dec. 5, 1878, in Illinois. He is single, and lives near Pomeroy, Wash.

Jesse E., born Feb. 17, 1881, in Iowa. He married Iva B. Lewis, at Canton, Ill., Oct. 16, 1904. They have one child, Dorothy Lewis, born Aug. 15, 1905. The family home is in Canton, Ill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hand went to Washington on a visit in 1905, and again in February, 1910, and expects to make her home with her son James Frederick.

Sarah, daughter of Franklyn and Deborah Griggs, was born Sept. 28, 1850. She was married to Martin Frank, on Dec. 13, 1868, in Peoria County, Ill. Their children are, Stephen, James Wallace, May, Edward Franklyn, Charles Otis. The family home is in Canton, Ill.

Stephen, born in Peoria Co., Ill., in 1869. Was married Feb. 11, 1897, to Mrs. Mary Tuttle. They have no children, and live in Farmington, Ill.

James W., born in Peo. Co., Ill., in 1871. Was married Jan. 30, 1894, to Eva Baylor of Norris, Ill. Their children are: Maud, born Oct. 25, 1895; Elmer and Ellsworth, born Aug. 18, 1897; Mary, born Jan. 5, 1901; Martin, born Aug. 4, 1904; Charles, born June 4, 1907; Kate, born June 1, 1910; Edna, born September 21, 1912. The family live in Canton, Ill.

May, born in Peo. Co., Ill., in 1876. Lives in Peoria.

Edward F., born in Peoria County, Ill., June 8, 1880. He married Miss Annie M. Firebaugh, on Sept. 16, 1903. She was born Jan. 27, 1881, in Bedford Co., Virginia. Their children are: Annie Susan, born July 16, 1904, in Canton, Ill.; George Durward, born Oct. 21, 1907, in Buda, Ill.; William Otis, born Jan. 20, 1908, in Buda,

Ill.; Everett Martin, born Feb. 17, 1911, also in Buda. Mr. Frank is an engineer for the C. B. & Q. R. R., and the family home is in Galesburg, Ill.

Charles Otis, born at Milo, Warren Co., Iowa, Jan. 7, 1883. Was married Dec. 17, 1909, at Lewistown, Ill., to Mary A. Ratcliff, who was born at Codner, Derbyshire, England, Jan. 7, 1884. They have: George Stephen, born Oct. 7, 1910; Dorothy May, born June 26, 1912. Both born in Canton, Ill., where the family live.

James Wallace, son of Franklyn and Deborah Griggs, born Feb., 20, 1852, in Timber township, Peo. Co., on the home place. He was married to Eliazbeth Foulk, at Salem Parsonage, Peo. Co., Feb. 6, 1873. She was born Aug. 15, 1851, in Cleveland, Ohio. Their children are: Harry Franklyn, Cora Myrtle, Deborah May, Charles Sanford, Henry Ellis, Julia Edith, all born in Peoria Co., Ill. The family home is in Norris, Ill.

Harry F., born May 11, 1875. He was married to Helen Lowe, at Canton, Ill., in Jan. 1905. Their children are: Charles Franklyn, born Jan. 31, 1908, in Arkansas; Allison Richard, born Dec. 6, 1909, in Norris, Ill.; Bertha Helen, born Aug. 26, 1912, in Glasford, Ill., where the family lives.

Cora M., born April 17, 1877. She was married at Monterey, Ill., to Walter Grissom, on Feb. 18, 1896. Their children are: Beryl Gladys, born Feb. 2, 1898; Grace Edith, born March 1, 1901. The family home is in Norris, Ill.

Deborah M., born May 17, 1879. She married Christian Mills, at Breeds, Ill., in November, 1898. They

have the following children: Alta Marie, born April 7, 1901, in Fulton Co., Ill.; Cecil Faye, born June 1, 1908, in Norris, Ill.; Edith Leota, born April 20, 1911, in Fulton Co. The family home is on a farm about 4 miles northwest of Glasford, Ill.

Charles S. was born July 30, 1883. He is single, living at home.

Henry E. was born May 21, 1885. He was single, and his death occurred at Norris, Ill., Nov. 27, 1904.

Julia Edith, was born Oct. 29, 1887. She was married at Canton, Ill., on April 6, 1910, to Henry J. Back. They have one child, Cecil Peter, born Nov. 10, 1911, in Los Angeles, California, where the family now live.

Amanda, daughter of Franklyn and Deborah Griggs, was born July 29, 1854. She was married on Feb. 28, 1873, to Charles E. Fahnestock, son of Colonel A. L. Fahnestock of Glasford, Ill., another pioneer family of Peoria County.

He was born July 29, 1852, and entering his father's store, at the age of fifteen, he has by diligence and industry acquired a competence. Has served as Postmaster, both at Glasford, and Sciota, Ill., where they now live, and conduct a general merchandise store, and grain elevator.

Their children, born in Peoria Co. are: Minnie M., Gertrude L., Bert Wayne.

Minnie M., born Nov. 20, 1873. Married William J. Rush, of Macomb, Ill., on June 15, 1902. One child, Wanda D., was born June 17, 1907. Mr. Rush is with Mr. Fahnestock in business in Sciota, Ill.

Gertrude L., born Aug. 24, 1875. She married Albert L. Cozad, March 27, 1901. They have one child, Nita Alleyn, born July 11, 1902. The family live on a farm near Sciota, Ill.

Bert W., born Jan. 19, 1882. He married Pearl Patterson, of Blandinsville, Ill., on Dec. 31, 1902. No children. He is in business with his father in Sciota.

Rachel, daughter of Franklyn and Deborah L. Griggs, was born Sept. 5, 1862. She was married at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 2, 1892, to Edward James Gustine, who was born at Lewistown, Ill., Sept. 10, 1861. He is a valued member of the City Police Dept. of Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Gustine has no living children.

Susan, daughter of Franklyn and Deborah Griggs, was born on the home farm, Sept. 5, 1864. She was married Aug. 16, 1882, to Charles Bowton, born Mar. 3, 1863, son of Wm. and Rebekah Bowton.

Her death occurred Feb. 12, 1895, leaving two children, Pearl and Frank.

Pearl was born Dec. 10, 1882. She married June 26, 1901, Mr. James M. Boone, born Mar. 13, 1875, son of James and Frances Boone. They have two children: Freida Violet, born March 17, 1908; Ruth Esther, born June 17, 1911. The family live on a farm near Trivoli, Ill.

Frank C. was born Feb. 5, 1888. He was married Dec. 2, 1908, to Miss Edith Frank, who was born July 30, 1887. They have one child, Earnest, born Aug. 23, 1910, and live on a farm near Trivoli, Ill.

Jeremiah, son of George and Sarah Griggs, was born in New York. He came to Illinois with his parents in

1829, and spent the greater part of his life, near Harker Corners.

He married Ellen Yaw of Glasford, Ill., about 1864, and from whom he afterward separated. Her father and mother had separated, and she was partly raised by the Vandeventer family of Glasford, Ill. The first child was Charles William, born July 6, 1865. Albert, the second son, was born about 1867. They removed to Missouri when Albert was about two years old, and after having two girls, Flora and Annis, they separated. The father taking the two boys, and the mother the two girls. The father went to Falls City, Neb., where he lived for a year or so, having bound out his second son Albert, to a German farmer, Peter Thilk. But becoming ill, the father with his son William returned to Glasford, Ill. Here he worked among the farmers, and in the vicinity of Oak Hill, he was taken very sick, was removed to his brother James' home, and after twelve days illness, passed away, about the year 1894. He is buried in the Pennsylvania Ridge Cemetery. His son William lived to be 18 years of age, and is buried with his father.

J. Albert, the second son, is a single man, and moved from Hobart, Okla., to Toponas, Routt Co., Colo.

After Mrs. Griggs separated from her husband, she remarried some time later, a William Lewis. She was heard of as living in Mound City, Mo., more than 20 years ago, but since then can not be found.

About eight years ago, she wrote to the Vandeventer family of Glasford, from some point in Missouri, which cannot now be recalled, that she was a widow, and asked for data toward getting a pension. She also told that

her daughter Flora was the wife of a railroad man, but the name has been forgotten. It is thought the daughter Annis died young.

Asenath, daughter of George and Sarah Griggs, was born in Illinois in 1834. She married George Champ. They had one child, who died early. Mrs. Champ died in 1866, and is buried in Harker Corners Cemetery.

Susan, daughter of George and Sarah Harker Griggs, was born in Peoria Co., Ill., in 1836. She was married in 1852, to William Bown, who was born Dec. 18, 1829.

Mrs. Bown died in November, 1855, leaving two daughters, Jeanette and Mary Ann. She is buried in Harker Corners Cemetery. Mr. Bown died Jan. 14, 1897.

Jeanette was born in Peoria Co., Ill., July 7, 1853. She removed with her father to Iowa, and married there, Sept. 6, 1877, Mr. John H. Crawford, who was born in 1852.

They have one child, Robert William, born July 30, 1878. He was married Feb. 8, 1910, to Mrs. Effie Jinks. They have no children. The two families live together, near Indianola, Iowa.

Mary A. was born in Peo. Co., Ill., Dec. 13, 1854. Removing with her family to Iowa, she was married March 18, 1875, to Samuel Parker, who was born in Clinton Co., Ohio, July 13, 1850. They have only one child, Edda Joseph, born Jan. 24, 1876. He was married Jan. 8, 1899, to Mary M. Hagan, who was born in Milo, Warren Co., Iowa, on May 22, 1881. No children.

The two families have always lived together, and the family home is one mile from Milo, Iowa.

CHAPTER VII.

HANNAH, second daughter of James and Mary McColom Harker, was born in New Jersey, in 1800. She married a Mr. Harrington, in Cayuga Co., N. Y., who soon died, leaving her with one child, Mary, (known always as Polly). She then returned to her father's home, and came west with him in 1829.

The following is taken from Drown's Peoria Directory, 1844: "The first church organized in Peoria, was the Methodist Episcopal. It was organized in November, 1833, by Rev. John St. Clair of Ottawa, Ill., and Rev. Heath of St. Louis, Mo., and was in the Chicago circuit. There were seven charter members, namely: Rev. Jno. Porter, S. B. King and wife, M. M. Aiken, Laura Hale, Hannah Harker Harrington, and Abigail Waters. The meetings were held in the old Court House, and in private dwellings until 1840, when a church was built. In 1844, it had 215 members. The Methodists are now the largest denomination in Peoria.

On Sept. 25, 1834, Mrs. Harrington was married by A. M. Hunt, Esq., to John McCoy of Kentucky. They lived for a number of years, a few miles farther west from Harker Corners, Ill., and had two children, Elizabeth and James B. Removing from Illinois, they located in Nebraska, where they entered 160 acres of land, on a portion of which the city of Omaha now stands. This farm was also sold, and they went to Kansas, in the vicinity of Wilmington, where Mrs. McCoy died and is

buried. Mr. McCoy then returned to Illinois, for a short time, but afterward went back to Kansas, where he died, and is buried also. No picture of her could be found.

Mary Harrington, the daughter of Hannah H. McCoy, was born in New York State, and came when a little child, to Illinois in 1829. She was married on May 2, 1843, by D. Blakeley, Esq., of Peoria, Ill., to Preston McCoy, a native of Kentucky, and brother to John McCoy.

They lived for some years in Peoria County, west of Peoria, but later removed to Henry Co., Ill. Here in 1854, near Cambridge, Ill., Mrs. McCoy died, and is buried. They had the following children: Hannah C., Martin, Alonzo, John Wm., Hiram, and Mary P.

Hannah C., was born in Peo. Co., Ill. She was married Jan. 22, 1865, to James Harvey Brown. The family home has been in Kansas for many years. Mr. Brown died in March, 1887. Their children are: Cora Addie, James Edward, Mary Ann, Maude, Claudia May, Clara A., Walter.

Cora A., born March 22, 1867. She married J. S. Green, on May 19, 1885. They have three children: John Joseph, born July 14, 1886; Katherine Blanche, born Jan. 7, 1888, died June 16, 1910; Mary Alice, born Dec. 23, 1892.

James Edward, the second child, was born July 22, 1869. Died Nov. 19, 1894.

Mary A., born June 19, 1873. She was married on Oct. 19, 1898, to James Burton Dill. They have two

children: Dorothy, born Sept. 28, 1906; Russell Edward, born April 21, 1912.

Maude, born Aug. 4, 1877. Died July 6, 1879.

Claudia M., born May 28, 1881. She was married Aug. 29, 1899, to George W. Thurston. They have one child, Helen Margaret, born June 5, 1900.

Clara A. was born May 26, 1883.

Walter, born Apr. 19, 1885. Died Sept. 1887.

Mrs. Hannah McCoy Brown, and all her children, live in Kansas City, Kansas.

Martin, son of Preston and Mary H. McCoy, was born in Peoria County. He was a single man, and his death, from a wound on his knee, took place at the home of James Griggs, on Penn. Ridge.

Alonzo, his brother, was also born in Peoria County. He enlisted in the Civil War, and died there. His father drew a pension from his services. Preston McCoy made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hannah Brown, in Kansas City, until his death.

John William died young.

Hiram P., was born July 10, 1851, in Logan township, Peo. Co., Ill. He was married on Aug. 27, 1907, to Mrs. Sarah Purchase Ramey, who was born in Devonshire, England, Feb. 3, 1851, and came to America, when nine weeks old. They have no children, and live near Trivoli, Ill.

Mary Permelia, the youngest child of Preston and Mary Harrington McCoy, was born Feb. 20, 1854, on the farm owned by her parents at that time, near Cambridge, Ill. Her mother dying soon after, caused the family to be



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scattered, and the children were cared for by various relatives. The grandmother, Hannah McCoy, cared for baby Mary, until her death in Kansas, when she was sent to her uncle James McCoy.

On the 31st of Oct., 1883, she was married at his home in Platteville, Wis., to Eugene R. Boynton, a commercial traveler for a New York firm. They have lived in Kansas City since May, 1889. One child, a son, Charles Otis, was born Sept. 4, 1887, at Ames, Iowa. He graduated from the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, in 1908, and for this honor, his picture is given a place in this book. He graduated from the Civil Engineering Dept., and has just returned in 1912, from the Philippine Islands, after an absence of almost three years, in the employ of the United States Government.

Mr. E. R. Boynton is a Hay and Grain Commission Merchant, and the family home is in Kansas City, Kan.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Hannah H. McCoy, was born in 1835, in Peoria Co., Ill. She removed to Nebraska with her parents, and there married a Mr. Harrison Brown, a Canadian. They had one child, a daughter, Miriam, and later were separated. Returning to Illinois, hers has been a checkered life, and she has been for the past ten years, an inmate of the Illinois State General Hospital, at South Bartonville, Ill.

Of her daughter, she can only tell that she married a Mr. Pierce, some place in Nebraska, and that he kept a livery barn. This daughter came on a visit to her mother some years ago, and had a daughter, Abbie. It is not thought advisable to take the time necessary to locate her.

James B., son of John and Hannah McCoy, was born about 1837, in Peoria Co., Ill. His earlier years were spent with his people, but about 1859 or 60, he located in the vicinity of Platteville, Grant Co., Wisconsin. Here he taught in the rural schools for some time.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army, and became 1st Sergeant in Co. E., 25th Reg. Wis. Infy. Vols., and mustered out as 1st. Lieut. Co. E. same Regiment, on June 7, 1865.

About 1868, he was married to Flora Graham, the daughter of Milton Graham, a minister of the M. E. Church. Their children are: George F., Milton Clay, and Lloyd B.

J. B. McCoy was for some time, a merchant, but about 1874, ran for Sheriff of Grant Co. and served one term, during which, he lived at Lancaster, Wis. He has been for a good many years, a Special Revenue Agent, that is, one under direct control of the Treasury Dept. and is sent wherever needed. The family home is at 264, 31st St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and his business address is 212 Govt. Bldg., U. S. Internal Revenue Agent.

George F., born Aug. 12, 1873, at Platteville, Wis. He is a graduate of Beloit College. A single man, and lives in Milwaukee, where he is District Manager of Wisconsin Telephone Company.

Milton Clay McCoy was born Feb. 5, 1879, at Platteville, Wis. Married Ella M. G. Perrigo, Milwaukee, on June 20, 1900. They have three children, Gilbert Perrigo, Sara Esther, and Russell Lloyd.

Mr. McCoy is a graduate of the State Normal School, also of St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis.

The family live in Minneapolis, Minn., where he is Manager of the Tri-City Shoe Company.



Lloyd Baxter McCoy was born May 27, 1883, in Platteville, Wis. He is a graduate of the State Normal School there, and also graduated from the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, in 1906.

It is a matter of real regret, that no larger picture of this University graduate could be obtained. He is a single man, living in Minneapolis, Minn., where he is Manager of the McCoy Shoe Company, at 22 South Fourth Street.

Note:—The history of the McCoy branch, has not been verified to any extent.



ELIZABETH HARKER MEAD

CHAPTER VIII.

ELIZABETH HARKER, third child of James and Mary McColom Harker, was born in New Jersey, Aug. 17, 1802. Her mother dying while she was a little girl, she went at the age of eight years, to live with a Mrs. Perkins. After spending some time with her, she went to Cayuga Co., N. Y. to her father, who had married again.

Here, on Nov. 21, 1826, she was married to William Robert Mead, who was born Aug. 20, 1803, a member of a family prominent in New York history. The family home was in Port Byron, N. Y. until 1847. To this union, eight children were born: Robert Martin, Daniel William, Mary Elizabeth who only lived one year, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alfred Medford who died in infancy, Mary Eliza, Eunice Melissa, who died at the age of 4 years.

At the completion and opening of the Erie Canal, in New York, Elizabeth H. Mead was one of the first who took a ride the full length of it. Their home was near the Canal, where Mr. Mead followed his trade of a blacksmith. He had quite an extensive business and was prosperous. They lived in a small home until 1845, when a large new house was built. Then soon came trouble. The old, old story, of going security for a friend, on notes for a considerable amount, all of which Mr. Mead had to pay, took nearly all he had.

Having become discouraged, he now decided to "Go West" and they came, by way of the Lakes, to Clayton Co. in northeastern Iowa, in 1847, and took up life again in a little house in the woods, near the Mississippi River. Here he started farming in a small way.

One day early in September, while he was chopping wood, his little daughter Eunice came tripping along out of the hazel brush, and said, "Papa, you and me are going to die some day." It unnerved him at the time, but he said nothing about it. Shortly after, Eunice died. Later on in the winter, he went to Galena, Ill., to get work at his trade. After a few weeks, he was taken sick with typhoid fever. It was with great difficulty that he succeeded in sending a message to his wife, who was seventy-five miles away, and on the other side of the Mississippi River. And owing to the fact that the water was extremely high at the time, and no bridge across, it was with equal difficulty that his wife succeeded in reaching him. He died on Feb. 6, 1848, a few days after his wife arrived. But before he passed away, he told her what little Eunice had said to him, in September. He was buried at Galena, Ill., and his poor wife came back alone, to her family in the woods. Here they lived for some months, but as her boys left home to look out for themselves, she found need to return to Galena for work, taking with her, Mary Eliza, the only one she had left.

After a while spent there, she came to the vicinity of Peoria, Ill., where her father's family were well established. She lived for some time, in a little house on her father's land, very near the home of her half brother,

Daniel W. Harker, and she is affectionately remembered to this day, as "Aunt Betsy Mead."

Her sons Robert and Daniel, having preceded her, she removed to Chatfield, Fillmore Co., Minnesota, about 1854. With money she had received from her father's estate, she bought some land and they made their home there until about 1873, when they moved again, locating in Benton Co., Iowa, where she lived until her death, on June 24, 1876. She died at her home, ten miles north of Vinton, Iowa, and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

She was a fine Christian woman, and held the faith of the Baptist denomination.

Robert M., born Sept. 4, 1827. He was a harness maker by trade, and was also a farmer. He married first, Miss Amelia Robinson, either in Illinois or Minnesota. She only lived one year, and left no children.

For his second wife he married Helen Adella Bean, at Chatfield, Minn., in 1866. She was born at Pottsdam, N. Y., July 31, 1834, of French parentage. Mrs. Mead died Dec. 25, 1888, at Urbana, Iowa, and is buried there. They had children as follows: Jennie, who died in infancy, Eunice Adella, William Robert, Thomas Henry.

Eunice A., born Aug. 3, 1868, near Chatfield, Minn., as were her brothers. She came to Iowa with her parents when a child, and lived in Urbana and vicinity until about two years after her mother's death. She then went to Boston, Mass., in 1891, to make her home with a sister of her mother, and later married Mr. Alfred Mallory, about 1896. They have no children, and live on a farm near Westfield, Mass.

William R., born March 24, 1870. He was married on Oct. 6, 1906, to Miss Orella Vaughan, born at Coburg, Ore. They were married in Seattle, Wash., and have no children. Mr. Mead is a member of the Seattle Police Dept.

Thomas H., born Feb. 7, 1872. He married Beatrice Keener at Burton, Kansas, in 1905. They had one child, Helen Alice, born Aug. 15, 1908.

Mr. Mead served in the Philippine War. He has made his home in Kansas for a number of years, but was last heard of at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Robert Mead married for his third wife, Mrs. Josephine Dow. They were married in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 21, 1891. She died at Burton, Kansas, in 1905. And he died there also, on May 27, 1908, and is buried at Urbana, Ia. During the Civil War, Mr. Mead went south, and for some time, helped to care for the sick and wounded. He lived in Minnesota until early in 1873, when he moved to Benton Co., Iowa, where he lived on a farm for two years, then moved to Urbana, where he lived until about 1892, then moved to Burton, Kansas, where he died.

Daniel W., born Nov. 4, 1828, second son of Wm. and Elizabeth Mead, was a farmer, than which there is no better occupation. While living on the home farm, six miles from Chatfield, Minn., he enlisted as a Volunteer in the 2d Minn. Regiment., Company A., 1861-1865.

He moved to a farm in Benton Co., Iowa, in 1873, and was married to Miss Maria Doty, Jan. 5, 1876. Mr. Mead died July 28, 1898, and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

His wife is living with her sons near Lusk, Wyoming.

They had children as follows: George, A., Mary Mercelia, Anna May, Giles Doty.

George A., born Sept. 20, 1876. He moved to Wyoming in 1910, and is single.

Mary M., born Oct. 31, 1877. Died Nov. 19, 1896.

Anna M., born March 27, 1879. She was married at her mother's home, March 12, 1901, to Julius Schoen, of Whitestown, Indiana. They lived on a farm about ten miles north of Vinton, Iowa, until Oct. 1, 1912, when they too, moved to a farm near Lusk, Wyoming.

They have the following children: Helen Anola, born Jan. 27, 1902; Karl William, born Sept. 17, 1903; Edwin Julius, born May 18, 1910.

Giles Doty Mead was born Aug. 18, 1885, and went to Wyoming in 1909. He married Miss Gertrude Alcott Moon, Dec. 21, 1912, at Pendleton, Oregon. She was born in Olympia, Wash., July 24, 1890. They live in Lusk, Wyoming.

Thomas J., born July 13, 1833, third son of Wm. and Elizabeth Mead, never married. He was crippled from infancy, with what would now be called Infantile Paralysis, following an attack of scarlet fever. He had no use of his left arm, and only partial use of his right one. Had poor control of the organs of speech, and staggered as he walked. But in spite of his terrible affliction, he was always hopeful, always cheerful, and but seldom showed his disappointment when things went wrong.

After his father's death in 1848, his mother sent him back to Port Byron, N. Y., to some of their people.

When grown, he engaged in various occupations. Part of the time being employed by the New York Central railroad as bridge tender.

Here he thought he saw a way to improve the brake then in use by that road. He studied for months and had drawings made of his plans, the railroad fixed a place for him to ride for a trip or two, on the trucks underneath the car, so he could study the workings of the brake. Just as Mr. Mead had his plans completed and was ready to apply for a patent, he showed his plans to the section foreman, and that rascal when he saw the wonderful possibilities of the brake, copied the design and got in ahead of the poor cripple, who could hardly talk, and got the patent in his own name. This is the sad fate of so many inventors. The brake is now in use on the N. Y. Central and its lines.

Mr. Mead was now badly discouraged, and soon came to Iowa, where he made his home, acting as land agent, also agent for a machine company. He died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Anna Mead Schoen, on July 30, 1902, and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, near Vinton, Ia.

James M. born Jan. 3, 1834. He ran away from the little farm home in Iowa, near the Mississippi River, when but 14 years old. He became angry because they had teased him about a little black hen that he called his, and borrowing a boat and a gun from one of the neighbors, went four miles down the river, where he disposed of those articles, and took passage on a boat for New Orleans. His mother got no further word from him for several years, but he seemed to keep track of them, for

after they had gone to Minnesota, she received two letters from him, sent from Valparaiso, Chili, South America. This is the only member of the large Harker family, who seems actually lost. This son caused his mother the most sorrow of any of her troubles, and as long as she lived, she was always looking and hoping for "Matt" as she called him, to come back. To the day of her death, she never ceased grieving for him.

Mary Elizabeth, the first daughter, dying in infancy, when the second girl was born Dec. 31, 1839, her mother wished to name her as near like the first one as possible, so named her *Mary Eliza*.

In spite of the hardships of pioneer life, this child grew into a very pretty young woman. While living in Peoria, Ill., she became acquainted with James A. Mills, who was an Englishman, born at Mile End, England. He was a fine musician, and an excellent singing teacher. About two or three years after Mary E. Mead went to Minn. to live, they were married on Sept. 2, 1857, and lived in Peoria for a time, then they returned to Minnesota where a son William was born, but who died in infancy.

In 1859 they moved to Benton Co., Iowa, and bought a farm which was always their home afterward. Here three children were born to them: Eunice Elizabeth, Jane Estella, Mary Ada.

Mrs. Mills was a member of the Christian Church, and her death occurred Nov. 29, 1877. Mr. Mills died April 22, 1893.

Eunice E., was born Dec. 16, 1861, near Vinton, Ia. She taught school a few years, and then married Stephen

Wallace Cook, on March 8, 1882. Mr. Cook was born at Mt. Vernon, Ia. The family lived on a farm five miles north of Vinton until 1902. They have two children, born on the home farm.

In 1902, they moved to Urbana, Ia., where they lived for a year and a half, then removed to Vinton, the present home. Their children are: Clifford Beeson, and Glenn Howard, and they are all members of the Christian Church.

Clifford B. was born Feb. 4, 1883. He was married at Newton, Iowa, July 26, 1910, to Myrtle E. Underwood, who was born in Benton Co., Iowa. She is a teacher of music. One son was born, but died in infancy. Mr. Cook operates a dray, bus, and transfer line in Vinton, Iowa.

Glenn H. was born March 28, 1884. He was married near Palo, Iowa, Feb. 22, 1906, to Bessie Muriel Elson, who was born near Battle Creek, Iowa. The family home was in Vinton, where their two children were born, until 1912, when they moved to a ranch near Kalispell, Montana.

Nedra Maud, died in infancy.

Myra Elson, was born Jan. 18, 1912.

Jane E., second daughter of James and Mary Mills, taught school for some years, then was married on Jan. 10, 1889, to Thomas Corbett of Eldora, Ia., where they lived for two years, and where the two children were born. Nellie M., born Dec. 15, 1889. James Frederick, born Feb. 18, 1891.

In 1891 they moved to a farm in Benton Co., where Mr. Corbett died on Nov. 18, 1892. After his death, his

widow removed to Vinton, where she has been in the employ of a dry goods firm, for a number of years. Her daughter Nellie is a school teacher, and her son James is in Wyoming.

Mary A., the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, taught school, and also music. She was married at her home, near Vinton, on Oct. 31, 1893, to Robert B. Medill of Oglesby, Ill., who was born in Trumbull Co., Ohio. They lived for a year at Oglesby, where a son was born, Robert Lynn, Sept. 3, 1894. The family then moved to La Salle, Ill., where a daughter, Muriel Irene, was born Aug. 3, 1896. Returning to Oglesby, they lived there until 1906, when they went to Oklahoma, where they lived until June, in 1908.

They then started for Kalispell, Montana, in two covered wagons, and reached their destination after about five months of travel, having covered a distance of over two thousand miles. They live on a ranch near Kalispell, where a little son, born Feb. 18, 1912, has been named James Harker Medill, he being in the fifth generation from the pioneer, James Harker, who came to Illinois in 1829.

Extract from letter written by Mrs. Wallace Cook, of Vinton, Iowa.

"I remember hearing my Grandmother Mead tell about her mother (or grandmother) being left alone in her cabin home in New Jersey, at one time, while her husband was obliged to be absent two or three days. She was afraid of Indians, and sure enough in the afternoon just before her husband returned, as she was sitting in the house, with her children about her and the door barred,

she heard voices, and listening and peering through some cracks, as there were no windows, she saw three or four Indians prowling around.

They tried to get in but failed. Then they climbed up on the roof, and as the fire was low, prepared to come down the chimney. In her desperation, she tore open her feather bed, threw a handful of feathers on the coals and the smoke from them was so offensive that the Indians could not come down.

She kept it up until her feathers were nearly all burned, just as her husband returned with his gun, and the Indians left."

It was in the Mead family, that the only known picture of James Harker has been so faithfully kept.

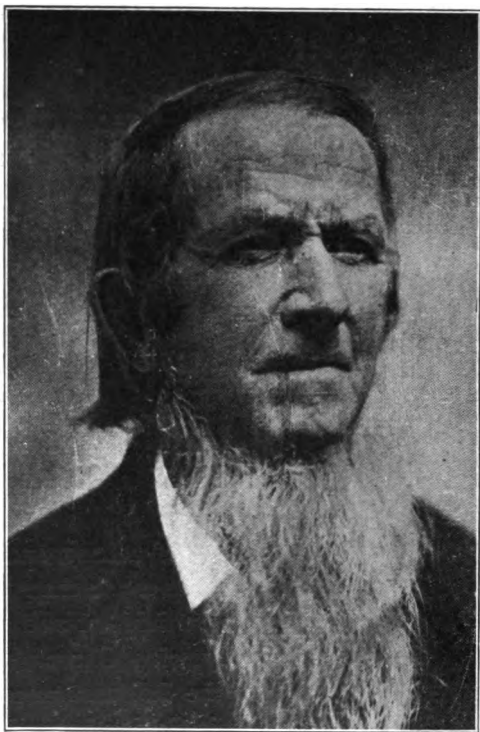
CHAPTER IX.

HIRAM WARD PARTRIDGE was the son of Puella Higley, by her first husband, Josiah Partridge of Cayuga Co., N. Y., who was killed in battle. This son was born in the town of Mentz, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Feb. 19, 1805, and his early life was passed there. He was married in 1832, to Emily Stevens, who was born Jan. 26, 1815. She was the daughter of Tyler Stevens of Cayuga Co., N. Y.

In the spring of 1836, they came west, by water, and settled on government land in Peoria County. Later, removing to Smithville, Ill., and this vicinity has always been the family home. Mr. Partridge was always a farmer, and a fine type of the early pioneer whose life has left such a wonderful impression for good, in the community in which he lived.

The year 1892, saw the close of a long and peaceful life, and his wife survived a little more than five years after, dying in 1897. They were faithful and consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church of Smithville, since 1842, and died in the full assurance of faith in a life of happiness with their Savior beyond the dark river. They were the parents of thirteen children, all of whom died in infancy, except the three here given: James Stevens, Quail Hiram, Josiah.

James S., was born Dec. 13, 1833, in Cayuga Co., N. Y. Came to Illinois when but two years old. He was married Nov. 15, 1855, at Smithville, Ill., to Caroline



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Van Patten, who was born near Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1835. She came to Illinois in 1845, and died May 9, 1912. Mr. Partridge still lives in Smithville.

To this union nine children were born, two dying in infancy: Frank, Cornelia, Harriett, Anna M., Bertha, Leonard, Emma.

Frank, born June 22, 1856. Married Anna Rhoun, Nov. 10, 1884, in St. Paul, Minn., where they now live. They have one child, Amy, born in 1888.

Cornelia, born Dec. 14, 1858. Married Samuel S. McIlree, July 3, 1884. They have three children: Pearl, Jennie, and Earl.

Pearl, born Feb. 4, 1885. Married Claude Robison, Jan. 21, 1904. Lives in Indiana.

Jennie, born Jan. 24, 1887. Lives at home.

Earl, born April 3, 1888. Married Maude Mattox, Nov. 13, 1910. One child, John LeRoy, born July 20, 1911. Live in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIlree live in Winterset, Iowa.

Harriett, born May 20, 1863. Married Robert Stewart, Nov. 2, 1891. They live west of Harker Corners, and have one child, Llorra, born Sept. 24, 1896.

Anna May, born Jan. 14, 1866. Married Feb. 2, 1912, to Wm. A. Fuller of Williamsfield, Ill.

Bertha, born Oct. 23, 1867. Married William A. Fuller, Aug. 13, 1890, and died five months later.

Leonard, born March 3, 1875, now in U. S. Army, having served six years.

Emma, born Oct. 1, 1877. Married Peter Kruse. They have three children: Delmer, born Nov. 20, 1904;

Caroline, born Nov. 17, 1907; Bertha May, born Sept. 15, 1909.

The family live near Smithville, Ill.

Quail H., second son of Hiram and Emily Partridge, was born in Cayuga Co., N. Y., Oct. 30, 1835. At the age of six months, he was brought to Illinois, and lived in Peoria Co. for seventy-five years. He died June 23, 1911, while visiting his son at Ord, Nebraska.

Mr. Partridge was an old time member of the Peoria County Old Settlers Association, and always attended the annual reunions. He was united in marriage to Sarah M. Mills, in 1856. She was a sister of Hannah E. Mills, who married Seba H. Harker.

Mrs. Partridge died March 7, 1911. They had two children, Mary Elizabeth, and Charles Hiram.

Mary E., born Sept. 18, 1858. Married to Ira E. White of Peoria, on Thanksgiving Day, 1884. She died Feb. 24, 1907, leaving one child, Nellie, who was born Dec. 2, 1885.

Nellie White was married to William Sawyer of Peoria, June 16, 1909. They have one child, Verna May, born Oct. 23, 1910. Live in Peoria.

Charles Hiram, was born Oct. 30, 1860. Married Nellie Bancroft. They had no children, and separated.

He later married Mollie Boomgaard, and they have one child, Thelma, born Jan. 31, 1904.

The family home is in Ord, Neb.

Josiah, the third son of Hiram and Emily Partridge, was born near Smithville, Ill., Sept. 12, 1837. He married Nancy Champ, Dec. 12, 1861, who was born near Columbus O. She died Nov. 26, 1887.

To this family, came eleven children, one dying in infancy. All were born at Smithville, Ill., where the father still lives. Children as follows: Julia, Victor, Mary Etta, William, Lorena, Pheasant, Martha Jane, Leona, Seba, Henry Ward.

Julia, born Dec. 20, 1862. Married Levi Bradley, Dec. 8, 1897. Took Frances Vapner, in 1902, at the age of 18 months, from the Vanarsdale Home in Chicago, and later adopted her. Live in Normal, Ill.

Victor, born Aug. 4, 1864. Married Ida De Bord of Oneida, Kan., Dec. 18, 1907. They have no children, and live in Hanna City, Ill.

Mary E., born Sept. 12, 1866. Lives with her father in Smithville.

William, born March 15, 1869. Married Lillie Pettis, at Pueblo, Colo., July 26, 1890. To this union, seven children were born, two dying in infancy: Lorena, born May 15, 1891, is a teacher in the Kewanee, Ill. schools; Ray, born Aug. 6, 1892, in Hastings, Neb.; Hazel, born Aug. 30, 1895, in Smithville, Ill.; Earl, born in Peoria, Ill., June 26, 1902; Kenneth, born in Kewanee, Ill., June 25, 1908.

The family home is in Kewanee.

Lorena, born Aug. 2, 1871. Taught ten years in the public schools. Was married at Smithville, Ill., Dec. 8, 1897, to Charles A. Rosecrans. They have two children: Veva Faye, born Nov. 9, 1898, and Glenn Allen, born March 9, 1901.

The family home is on the West Bluff, Peoria, Ill., and there Mrs. Rosecrans is an earnest Worker in the Hale Memorial M. E. Church.

Pheasant, born March 5, 1875. Married Oct. 4, 1899, to William Norwood. They have six children, two dying in infancy: Reta Fern, born Sept. 6, 1901; Cora Belle, born March 16, 1905; Edgar Lee, born May 23, 1907; Eva Mabel, born Jan. 1, 1909. The family home is on a farm west of Harker Corners, Ill.

Martha J., born March 14, 1877. Taught several years in the public schools, and was married to Mr. W. A. Rice, March 22, 1899. They have one daughter, Lucille, born Nov. 5, 1902, and a son, Paul, born Aug. 1, 1906. They live in Normal, Ill.

Leona, born Nov. 30, 1879. She attended Normal University, and taught several years in the public schools. Married July 1, 1903, to Mr. Edward McMaster. They live near Trivoli, Ill. Gladys, born March 10, 1907, and an infant daughter, born Sept. 26, 1913.

Seba, born May 1, 1881. Married Feb. 1, 1904, to Myrtle Meek of Lewistown, Ill. He served two and one-half years in the U. S. Army, part of the time in the Philippine Islands. Was discharged from the hospital in 1903. They have two children: Ruth Nancy, born Dec. 23, 1906; Erma Marietta, born Nov. 23, 1909. Live at Eden, Ill.

Henry W., born Jan. 22, 1883. Married to Miss Maude Clark, on June 5, 1907. They have two children: Eugene Clark, born May 17, 1908; Mildred May, born March 3, 1913.

Mrs. Maude Clark Partridge is a member of the Haller family referred to before, in this book.

Mr. Partridge attended Normal University, and is now Principal of Prospect Heights School, Peoria, Ill.

CHAPTER X.

Ancestors of Puella Higley P. Harker, as found in Chapters I to XIII of "The Higleys and Their Ancestry" by Mary Coffin Johnson.

JOHAN HIGLEY, the first American ancestor, was the son of Jonathan and Katherine Brewster Higley, born July 22, 1649, as taken from the old church records at Frimley, Surrey, England. His mother was clearly of the same family to which Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower", belonged. The said Wm. Brewster was born in last of 1566, or first of 1567, in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, Eng.

In the year 1666, this boy John, went aboard a trading vessel, setting sail for America. As was the custom with minors in those days, he was given his passage, with the understanding that he would be bound out upon the arrival of the ship in port, for, at least, a sufficient amount to pay for his passage across the ocean.

On her arrival, the ship sailed up the Connecticut River to Dorchester, later called Windsor, the oldest settlement in the Colony of Connecticut, situated 57 miles from its mouth. Here, it is thought he entered the family of John Drake, where he soon became a favorite in the household. He was married to Hannah Drake on Nov. 9, 1671, in Windsor, Conn. Then on the east side of the river, they founded their home, and lived the pioneer life.

At this time, all the men were impressed into military service, on sentinel duty, to guard against the Indians. John Higley is soon found to be acquiring lands, and beginning commercial transactions, which in time caused him to be one of the heaviest taxpayers in the Colony. In the year 1684, he removed his family to Simsbury, Conn. Here he owned much land, and the old home was only torn down in the year 1827.

On August 4, 1694, his wife, Hannah Drake Higley died, leaving him with nine children to care for. Captain Higley did not resume his seat in the General Assembly again until the year 1698.

His second marriage took place about 1696, to Mrs. Sarah Strong Bissell, of a distinguished Colonial family. They began life together, with a household of eleven children. Altogether, Capt. John Higley was the father of sixteen children, fifteen of whom lived to over twenty-one years of age, and thirteen married and had families.

In the midst of a strenuous life, Captain Higley passed peacefully into the silent land, having lived three weeks beyond his sixty-fifth birthday. He died Aug. 25, 1714, and his grave is yet to be seen in the old Hop Meadow (Simsbury) burying ground. His tombstone is a neat red sandstone slab, standing two feet high.

His children were: John, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Katherine, Brewster, Hannah, Joseph, Samuel, Mindwell, Sarah, Nathaniel, Joshua and Josiah, twins, Abigail, Susannah, Isaac.

His name, as the founder of the family in America, will be held in honor and sacred possession, in their many gathered households to their latest day."

For a full account of the life and achievements of Captain John Higley, and his numerous descendants, such as the Charter Oak, page 57, Yale College, page 65, First Copper money, page 126, John Brown, page 380, and Brother Jonathan, page 451, the Kith and Kin are urged to read a volume of "The Higleys and Their Ancestry" which may be found in the Peoria Public Library.

Herewith, is carried on, the direct line of descent for the descendants of Puella Higley P. Harker, with the very kind permission of Mary Coffin Johnson.

From Chapter XXIV, page 139:

Nathaniel Higley was the eleventh child of Capt. John Higley and Sarah S. Bissell Higley. Born at Simsbury, Conn., Nov. 12, 1699. He is found upon record, as a well-to-do farmer, a man of fine abilities and uprightness of character, and a comfortable property. At the age of twenty-one, he was married to Abigail Filler of Windsor, March 29, 1720.

Mr. Higley was, by profession, a surveyor, the office of town surveyor was one of considerable importance.

Their eight children were: Abigail, Mary, Theopolis, Solomon, Dudley, Samuel, Daniel, Mindwell. Nathaniel Higley died in Sept., 1773.

Taken from Chapter LXVI, page 585:

Solomon, son of Nathaniel, was born Jan. 8, 1728, in Simsbury, Conn. He married Lydia Holcombe, about 1749, and purchased land near his father. Near the year 1763, he sold all of his possessions, and, as far as can be

discovered, was the first of the Higleys, who swarmed from the old hive at Higley-town, and emigrated to New York. Here, they became members of the Shaker Community. They were possessed of a good property, and a large family of sensible and dutiful children. It is said that Solomon Higley prepared half an acre of ground and planted it in corn, after he had reached the nineties, and, when he was within six years of his one hundredth milestone, he hoed, and finally harvested and husked it, entirely unassisted making it ready for the granary. He died June 2, 1821, aged ninety-five. His wife died Feb. 27, 1822, aged ninety-two. Their children were: Sarah, Nathaniel, Seth, Roswell, Daniel, Seba, Theopolis, David, Dudley, Lydia.

From Chapter LXVI, page 588:

Seth, son of Solomon, was born at Simsbury, Conn., Sept. 27, 1754. He married Lucy Herod, an English girl, when he was about twenty-one. They located near Ballston, and Half Moon, in Saratoga Co., N. Y. The county was then a primeval forest. He was one of the Volunteers in the Revolutionary War. In February, 1799, he brought his family to Cayuga Co., New York, to a farm of fifty acres, which was located in the town once known as Mentz, one mile west of the present village of Port Byron, a part of which is now situated on his original estate. Here they resided until the close of his life. He died at Port Byron, N. Y. in the autumn of 1829. His wife died in Waterloo, N. Y. Their children were: Desire, David, Seba, Sylvia, Puella, Asenath, Samuel, Enos, Jonas, Minerva.

From Chapter LXVI, page 593:

Puella, daughter of Seth, born Sept. 5, 1786, in Saratoga Co., N. Y. She married James Harker, and came with him to Illinois in 1829.

HIGLEY GENEALOGICAL CHART.

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| JONATHAN HIGLEY
and
KATHERINE BREWSTER. | } Married in Frimley,
Surrey, England, Jan.
3, 1647. |
| JOHN HIGLEY
and
SARAH STRONG BISSELL. | } He came to America in
1666. Married about
1696, Windsor, Conn.
Died in 1714. |
| NATHANIEL HIGLEY
and
ABIGAL FILLER | } He was born in 1699.
Married in 1720.
Died in 1773. |
| SOLOMON HIGLEY
and
LYDIA HOLCOMBE. | } He was born in 1728.
Married about 1749.
Died in 1821. |
| SETH HIGLEY
and
LUCY HEROD. | } He was born in 1754.
Married about 1775.
Died in 1829. |
| PUELLA HIGLEY PARTRIDGE
and
JAMES HARKER | } She was born in 1786.
Married about 1806.
Died in 1866. |

DANIEL W. HARKER
and
MARY McFADDEN.

} He was born in 1814.
Married in 1839.
Died in 1885.

SARAH M. HARKER
and
PHILIP PFEIFFER.

} She was born in 1843.
Married in 1862.
Died in

MARGARET B. PFEIFFER
and
JAMES L. BROWN.

} She was born in 1864.
Married in 1894.
Died in

JAMES L. BROWN II.

Born Aug. 4, 1895.

HARKER CHART.

JAMES HARKER { Born in Ireland, June 25, 1703.
 Was in America previous to
 year 1735.

JOSEPH HARKER { Born in Sussex County, N. J.,
 Sept. 28, 1743.

JAMES HARKER { Born in Sussex County, N. J.,
 June 29, 1774.

Daniel, born in Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Henry, born in Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Jeremiah, born in Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Seba, born in Cayuga Co., N. Y.

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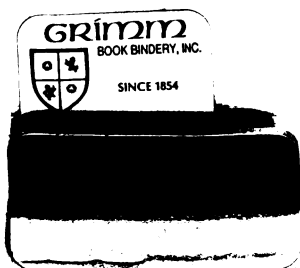
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